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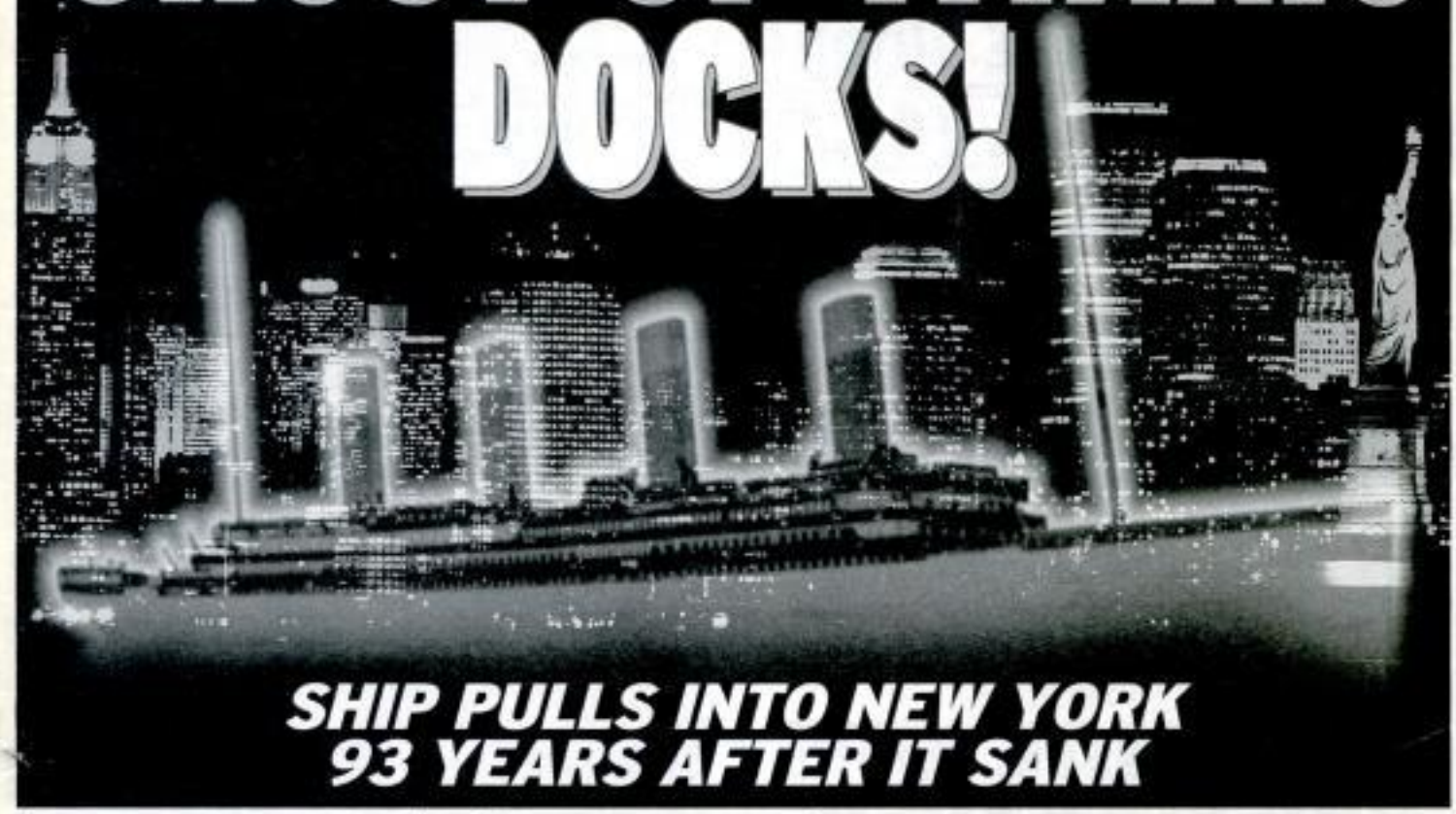

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SPECIAL REPORT FROM KANSAS

LITTER OF BORN WITH WINGS!

By DEBBIE FANATIA

MARYSVILLE, Kan. — Joe Carbunckle raised pigs all his life and thought he'd seen it all, but the litter born to one of his sows shocked even him as each pig emerged with a set of wings.

His first thought was all the things his wife had promised him when pigs fly, but that was quickly replaced by the realization of what he really had in his barn.

"The sow had been acting strange before they were born, and the vet thinks she was somehow impregnated by one of the roosters," said Carbunckle. "She hung real tight with one of them.

"It was a mess when they

THE CARBUNCKLES rent some of the flying pigs to delivery companies.

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started to really fly. It ain't a pretty sight watching a 40-pound piglet smash into the rafters. When they drop, it's not graceful. It was a while before they got the hang of it; fortunately I only lost one barn cat.

"Well, and there's that cow that got whacked on the head while she was just standing there chewing her cud. Vet says she'll never be right again."

"They were the cutest little things you ever saw," said Carbunckle's wife Seersi. "They'd jump around and flap their wings like little fat chicks. They'd land with a thump and squeal and fly off after each other. They were just adorable."

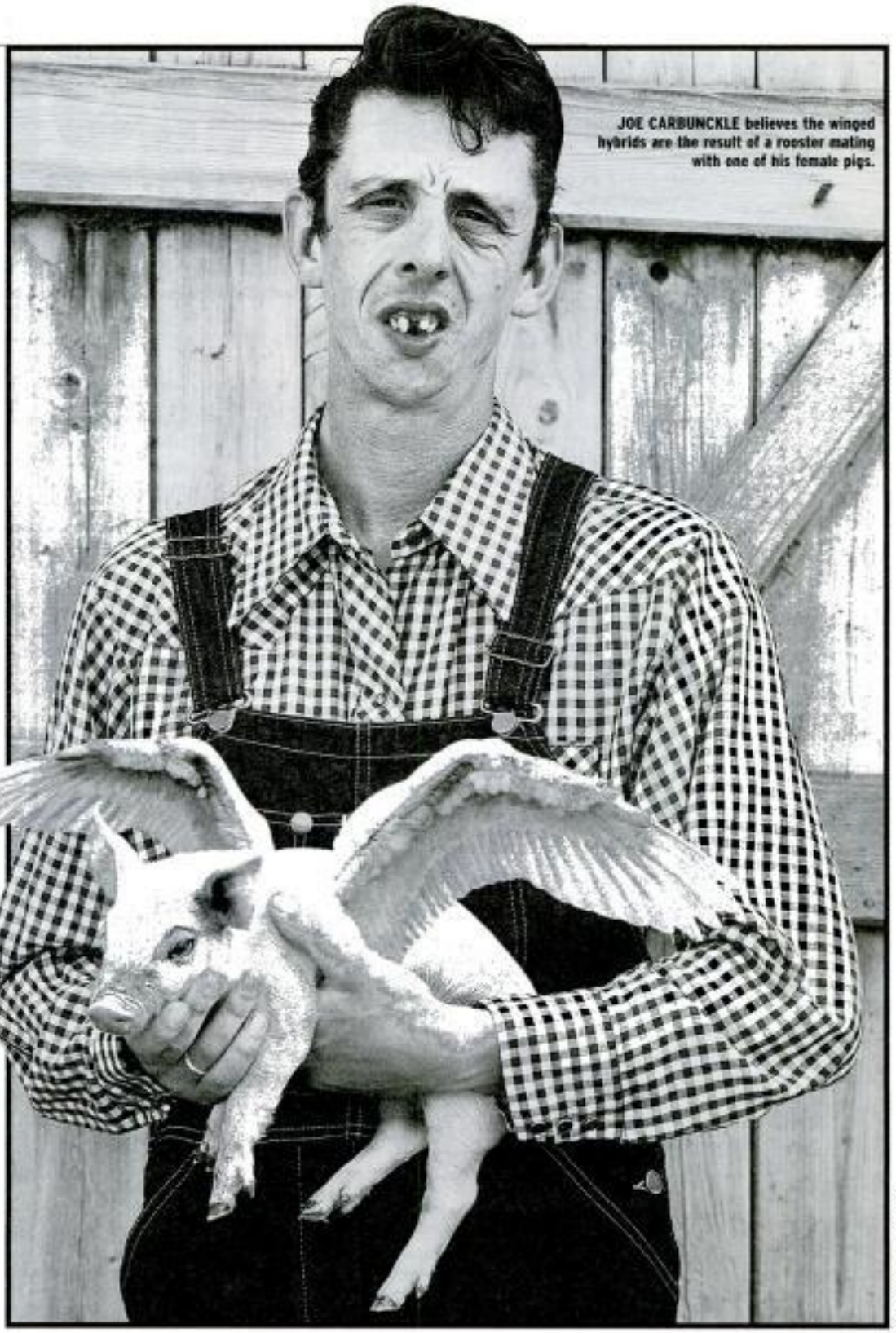
Mrs. Carbunckle modified doll clothes to fit them and as each distinct pig personality emerged, she taught them tricks. The neighbors suggested that teaching them to sit and beg were normal tricks and the pigs deserved better. "One of my friends said it's no great trick for a pig to beg."

As the piglets grew and their skills at flight became more honed, Seersi thought they looked like little cherubs, and began dressing them in filmy robes.

Eventually she and Joe wrote a Christmas play starring the pigs. "They were the angels in the nativity, but they were a little disruptive. One of them kept suddenly flying up to catch bugs.

"But when the local high school used them as the flying monkeys in their production of *The Wizard of Oz*, they did real good. It just shows how versatile these little guys are. From cherubs to evil monkeys."

The Carbunckles split the pigs into groups, eventually. Some are still actors, but some have been rented out to delivery companies. They frequent-



JOE CARBUNCKLE believes the winged hybrids are the result of a rooster mating with one of his female pigs.

to watch in amazement as a pig flies from one business to another delivering documents.

flying pigs," said the sheriff.

"They still tend to drop out of the sky when they get tired

tures most of the time and easily trained, but they still have pig instincts. They're just not

INSECT RIGHTS!

BUG-LOVING ACTIVISTS VOW TO BAN WINDSHIELDS

BUG-LOVING protesters are afraid that if we don't ban windshields, flying insects could become extinct.

By DEBBIE FANATIA

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Imagine driving down the highway in summer, the air thick with the smell of flowers, the wind blowing your hair from your face, the heat from the sun like a soft blanket fresh out of the dryer on your shoulders.

Maybe you're driving through Minnesota, where the mosquitoes are as big as bats, or in Florida where millions of love bugs travel in pairs.

You're on a two-lane road going 80 m.p.h. and suddenly . . . SPLAT, a swarm of bugs collide with your forehead, clog up your eyes, and those comfortably warm shoulders become bloody bug graveyards — because your vehicle doesn't have a windshield.

If insect-rights activists get their way, that will be the scene all over the United States.

The activists are lobbying to have windshields, goggles, helmet face shields and any other forms of bodily protection on vehicles deemed illegal.

"Insects are disappearing just like the dodo bird," James Mickles, spokesman for Insect Rights Keepers (IRK) postulated to *Weekly World News*. "We drop poison from helicopters on insects and ourselves just to be rid of them.

"Our organization thinks it's an outrage for civilized people to insert huge slabs of murderous glass, plastic or metal on something traveling fast enough to kill thousands of insects in five minutes just for convenience's sake. Bugs are a fact of life and have just as much right to the highways and our homes as we do."

If protective shields are outlawed on vehicles, IRK will recommend padded

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

I'LL FATTEN UP THAT SKINNY GAL!

DEAR EDITOR, Just look at your cover for May 30, 2005 – the fattest man I've ever seen and the skinniest lady together, and happily married!

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm sure she's a lovely doll, but I'm from the South, and down here, guys like a girl with curves. Something to hold on to, you know? So, if I could, I'd like to help that tiny toothpick Roseanne with one of my favorite recipes for Country Fried Steak with Extra Gravy:

1 lb. round steak, 2 tbsp. bacon grease, ½ cup flour, 2 tbsp. flour, ½ tsp. salt, 2 cups whole milk, ¼ tsp. pepper.

Mix flour and salt in large

each side until golden. Remove and let steaks crisp.

Lower heat and add flour to pan drippings. Slowly add milk, stir. Let cook until thick. Add pepper to taste.

Lastly (and bestly) enjoy your deep-fried Southern specialty – and get you some curves, girl!

– Betsy Colgrass,
Higdon, Ala.

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Dear Editor, Supermarket Rage (May 23, 2005) is a reality where I live. I can't go to the grocery store without someone threatening me with a ripe cantaloupe or brick of coffee. It's insane and I'm glad

way too seriously. These ladies here stand in front of the reduced-fat cookies and compare labels for 20 minutes at a time, all the while blocking the aisle so NO ONE else can get through.

So I tell them, "Just pick a cookie. Really. If you're going to eat cookies, you can't be that concerned with healthiness anyway." And then I get smacked in the head with a box of Snackwells.

Why do they get so mad?

– Shane Duilen,
Pine Bluff, Ark.

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor, Why Internet

suits to protect both driver and bug, while also advocating speed limits no greater than 25 m.p.h.

"We could save an astronomical number of insects if we'd just adopt these small measures," said Mickles. "Besides, it wouldn't kill us to slow down and enjoy the ride. I've never understood why people are in such a great big hurry to go to work or buy groceries."

IRK also plans to lobby for legislation aimed at protecting insects' natural habitat by preventing people from mowing their lawns or killing vegetation except as necessary to keep windows unobstructed or to create a firebreak around the property. They'd also like to make it illegal to plant anything non-native.

When asked what would happen to the nursery growers, Mickles responded, "Who cares? They're a bunch of murderous thieves who patent weakened mutations that won't live without pesticides, fertilizers and rampant consumerism.

"Let 'em starve. Them and the golf course contractors who keep the pesticide companies in business."

IRK claims they've given people ample time to mend their ways before demanding even the most commonplace things like flyswatters be declared illegal.

"People laughed at us during our 'Kill the Roses, Not the Beetles' campaign. Kids go out and trap beetles in jars and clamp the lid on them just to see the iridescent colors. Or listen to them crunch under their shoes," Mickles said with a grimace. "How would you like it if somebody lured your kid into a swimming pool and then closed the retractable cover? Well, beetles and other insects are somebody's kids too. I wish people would teach their own kids that."

Laws preventing vehicular insect slaughter will be addressed in the next legislative session.

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OH SO PRETTY

CARMEN Garcia, an incredible 34D-24-35 knockout from Studio City, Calif., is an amazing show of beauty. Perfect in every way we can think of, Carmen is more than just a pretty face. She says she likes traveling, working up a sweat outdoors, keeping fit, reading and

Letter of the Week

Girl is HIS MOM! (May 16, 2005)

Call me old-fashioned, but if we all went back to old-school dating, we wouldn't run into these kinds of things.

– Sam Marler, Tuckahoe, N.J.

Dear Editor, Now I know you all were trying to help kids by showing that little girl wasn't afraid of the Boogeyman (May 30, 2005), but really, I think you might have made it worse.

My daughter got one look at that Boogeyman's picture and now she's even more terrified – because she knows he's real! We always tell her it's not true, there's no Boogeyman. And now here come you all, proving us liars.

I know *WWN* prides itself in printing the truth and nothing but the truth, but don't you think you could have just glossed over this one a little?

– George Tapas, Dillon Beach, Calif.

FRAUDWAY!

Death-row prisoners write and star in musical comedy

By MARK MILLER

McALESTER, Okla. — Though no doubt well-deserved, the life of America's approximately 3,500 death-row prison inmates is extremely bleak. They spend the majority of their day in an 8x6-foot windowless cell containing a bed of stainless steel that is bolted to the floor.

Even the bed springs are often removed, as the guards have found that the prisoners can make weapons from them. The only other furnishings are a wall locker, a sink and a toilet.

Death row prisoner privileges are numbered, literally. Each week, they are limited to three showers, five attorney visits and two personal visits — but not conjugal.

Each prisoner spends an average of 17 long, lonely years waiting on death row before their execution date finally arrives.

Considering this Spartan, joyless, and at times dangerous existence, it is not surprising that death row

ARE YOU KIDDING?

A New York prison is staging its own version of My Fair Lady, called My Fair Cellmate, featuring the songs "I Could Have Killed All Night," "The Cocaine in Spain," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Restraining Order."

pent-up thoughts, feelings and energies. A group of them at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary has done just that — they've written and starred in their own, original musical comedy, which they've already performed to enthusiastic response for the other prisoners and select civic groups.

"We patterned it after the Broadway musical *Oklahoma*, but we call our version *Deathrohoma*," reveals director Jimmy Joe Jimson, or as he's better known in the penitentiary, Inmate #64492937.

lyrics that pertain to the prisoners' concerns, hopes and dreams.

"The overall mood is dark, but not without humor."

One of the songs is sung to the tune of "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' ":

A phone call for me came this mornin'
A phone call for me came today
The governor's calling with news about me
And it looks like they're turnin' me loose here at three
Oh, what a beautiful pardon
Best news I've gotten in years
Cancel my lethal injection
Now I'll have steak, sex and beers

One of the musical's most deeply affecting numbers comes toward the end, on the prisoner's execution day, as he tearfully addresses the warden, to the tune of "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top":

Strap me down in the chair, Warden Murray
This is the day I'm to die, so please hurry
When you take me out of my jail cell with a priest and con-
Throw that switch and my body will shudder
Nosey inmates'll peek through their jail cells and my eyes will pop
When I fry in that recliner with the voltage on top

Reviewed in the penitentiary newspaper by Inmate #93751102, the musical was described as "Raw, real and true to the lonely, hopeless and brutal life of the death row inmate — yet sprinkled with laughs, music, and fun! Two shivs up!" Perhaps the musical's most popular number is its title song, sung to the tune of "Oklahoma":

In-n-n-n-n-n the shower, where the inmates help to get me washed
And it's such a pain when Big Don Lane
Blithely sits upon me till I'm squashed
In-n-n-n-n the shower, every night six cellmates block my way
Telling me they hope, I drop the soap.
When I do, they smile and shout "Hooray!"

The musical is so popular that the warden has extended

Monk kicked out of monastery for talking in his sleep

By DAVID TOLSEY

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – A Trappist monk was permanently removed from a Fayetteville County monastery after repeated episodes of talking in his sleep.

Father Matthew Sillstone, a seven-year disciple of the monastic family following Christ according to the Rule of St. Benedict, had threatened the peaceful order of the monks for months until one long night finally broke the camel's back.

Exclusive details gathered by a crack team of *Weekly World News* reporters reveal that Father Sillstone began yelling incessantly, "I want to go to Disney World now! C'mon, let's all go to Disney World! It's a Small World After All . . . It's a Small World After All . . .!"

Between intermittent periods of silence, the monk would also carry on conversations with an apparent dream companion, debating which was the greatest Disney film, *Fantasia* or *Sleeping Beauty*. The bizarre rant lasted for nearly six hours, and it was then that the Order made its fateful decision.

The removal of Father Sillstone has cause quite an uproar throughout this Arkansas town. "A centuries-old order devoted to Christ throws out a family member just because he talks in his sleep?" said local deli owner Dan "Dewey" Wainwright. "They ought to be ashamed of themselves. It wasn't like the poor man was blurting out during the

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WASHINGTON REPORT

CLONE TRASHES

DOPPELGANGERS of Hillary Clinton have been spotted misbehaving in all sorts of ways.

By CHAD LOWENBRUCK and MAURICE K. FITZ

WASHINGTON, D.C – A Silver Spring housewife contacts the police with the complaint that former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stole her purse in an airport rest room. A bartender in Baltimore claims that the author of *It Takes a Village* collared him for a wild night in a motel. A Georgetown attorney is filing charges against the future Presidential wannabe on the grounds that she attacked and threatened to cripple him outside his law firm for working on behalf of Dick Cheney's former company Halliburton.

What's going on? Has the junior senator from New York popped her cork? Or is a dangerous Hillary look-alike roaming our streets?

"I don't think it's an impersonator," said political theorist and Georgetown Institute of Technology graduate Dr. Benton Reese. "I believe these are clones doing the dirty work. I happen to know — from colleagues who can't hold their Bud Lites — that Hillary's enemies in the GOP have funded a massive GIT effort to discredit her, to destroy her chances of winning the presidential election in 2008.

HILLARY'S IMAGE

Right-wing conspiracy strikes again!

Strip Group possesses hair and tissue samples of everyone of importance from the past 30 years," Reese went on. "They have custodians, housekeepers, even the clergy on their payroll. I've personally seen priests go into confessional booths with microscope slides to scoop up sweet, salty tears of repentance.

"If nothing else, this might explain why Hillary Clinton and Martha Stewart seem so much alike when they get angry," Reese added. "They are made from the same bad-woman template."

Other active case files credit one or more Hillary clones with stealing cars, fronting Internet pornography, distributing poisoned Halloween candy and soliciting sex.

"We've known about the GIT program for quite some time," admitted a Hillary confidant. "We've found ourselves in the awkward position of having to pay people off to keep quiet, since no one believes that these are what we refer to as duplicate or 'bi-Hillaries'." The confidant grinned. "Oddly enough, some of bi-Hillary's wilder exploits have actually helped us with men in red states."

"I don't have an opinion about Hillary herself," Dr. Reese told us. "I contacted *Weekly World*

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itself. What happens when other nations get hold of the GOP's cloning abilities? They could create leaders who seem entirely reasonable or conciliatory when they speak in public, then go back to their situation rooms and plan world domination. For all we know that's happening now in places like the Middle East and China. I'm not even sure that

'one person.' Or Bigfoot. Or Brad Pitt, for that matter. How is it those guys seem to be everywhere, behaving one way and then another?"

Spokespeople for Senator Clinton had no comment, though an assistant to former President Bill Clinton said, "There may be some truth to this. Mr. Clinton left the office in a hurry today, searching for his wife. Someone said she was doing a lap

SPECIAL OPS CHEERLEADERS

They sabotage the home team!

By MARK MILLER

MIAMI, Fla. — When most people think of mercenaries, they picture professional soldiers hired for service in a foreign army and motivated solely by a desire for financial gain. Recently, however, a new, insidious breed of mercenary has come to light — Special Operations Cheerleaders.

These young, stunning, highly trained and accomplished women travel the country, infiltrate professional cheerleading squads — and then proceed to turn the cheerleaders against their home team! In exchange for this highly specialized service, they are paid huge sums of money by any professional sports team interested in contracting their unique skills.

The mercenary cheerleaders are all graduates of an intensive two-year training program at SOC-HOP, the Special Operations Cheerleaders Herkies of Power, located just outside Santa Fe, N.M. Just to get accepted into this training program, the girls must be between the ages of 18 and 25, have a fashion model-quality appearance, superb athletic skills, a very high IQ, and, as one SOC-HOP insider puts it, "a strong desire and willingness to do virtually anything for

THAT pom-pom hides one hell of a left cross!

program, the girls receive daily expert training, not only in state-of-the-art cheerleading techniques, but also in psy-ops.

"They're traitors to the art form, if you ask me," complains National Cheerleading Ethics Association spokesperson Karen Jacobson. "Recently, for example, one professional sports team had the worst record in their league, with 12 losses and only four wins. Of course, we can't blame the Special Operations Cheerleaders *totally* for the dismal record. After all, it was the team's decision to add

MAN KILLED BY HIS OWN

By MARK MILLER

MONTCLAIR, N.J. – A recent crime here had law enforcement officers and detectives scratching their heads in disbelief, even with the sworn testimony of an eyewitness: A man was brutally

"I'd never have believed it in a million years if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes," states Scott Mudra, 36, who was walking to the tennis courts with his friend, Joe D'Angora, 37.

"The sun was at an angle where it made our shadows show up in front of us on the ground. Joe started stomping on his shadow, over and over,

You're such a waste of space! Who needs you!?' Joe was always messin' with his shadow like that."

That's when things began getting strange. "Joe's shadow started slowly sliding from the sidewalk, up his legs, until it covered his entire body. The shadow turned darker and darker like it was angry, and as

'What they did was inexcusable, unethical and just plain mean'

them to their squad. But what they did was inexcusable, unethical, and just plain mean."

One of the wronged cheerleaders agreed to speak with *Weekly World News* on condition of anonymity, so we'll simply refer to her as "Donna."

As Donna recalls it, "Most women who are as beautiful as supermodels, we other girls kind of resent, plus they're usually pretty snooty. But these Special Operations Cheerleaders somehow had the knack for seeming really down-to-earth and likeable. They became our best friends. But the weird part is, we have absolutely no memory of any of the bad stuff that happened next. We only heard it from others. They must have put us in a trance or something."

What "happened next" was that the team's regular cheerleaders stopped talking to the players, stopped going out with them. They'd react sarcastically when they messed up during games, and even incorporated slams to the guys within their actual cheers. One such cheer included the line: "Our team's a bunch of losers, filled with drunks and steroid users!"

"After a few games, when serious damage had been done to team morale, the Special Ops girls didn't show up to a scheduled practice one day, and we never saw them again.

"But I know they're still out there somewhere, not leading cheers but leading jeers."

SHADOW!

over, tighter and tighter. He started gasping for air and choking. I heard ribs cracking. That shadow must have broken every bone in his body! I had to watch my best buddy murdered right before my eyes."

The Montclair Police Department remained tight-lipped about what caused

are like souls we wear on the outside. They feel things deeply and are normally quite docile. Apparently, this one just got tired of being stepped on and just 'snapped.' "

"I guess it's just one more shadow organization citizens have to worry about," said a police spokesperson.

Until a thorough

SWISS TO SELL CHEESE HOLES SEPARATELY!

By MARK MILLER

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND – For centuries, the Swiss have punched out the holes in their world-famous Swiss cheese and simply thrown away the punched-out pieces of cheese. In today's profit-conscious business environment, though, that tradition is about to end. The Swiss have decided to save every punched-out piece of cheese and sell them as Genuine Swiss Cheese Holes – or, since the French word for "Swiss" is "Suisse," (pronounced "sweece") – Suisses Pieces!

"We're sure the public will quickly realize that our Suisses Pieces are just as convenient and useful as shredded or grated cheese," explained Compagnie Fromage de la Suisse spokesman Emil Duvalier. "And our campaign slogan – 'They really hit the *spot*' – should attract plenty of attention."

Duvalier said a massive advertising campaign will suggest a multitude of uses for the Suisses Pieces, including:

- Sprinkle them on soups, sandwiches and salads.
- Create fun designs on cheeseburgers.
- Bake itsy, bitsy pizzas for babies.
- Make faces on apples, attaching them with toothpicks.
- Spell out messages of love with them on casseroles.

News of the Swiss cheese holes marketing campaign is inspiring other companies to consider selling previously discarded components. One Texas meat processing company has formed an alliance with an international

GOD HAS A WIFE!

And she's writing her memoirs

By MARK MILLER

VATICAN CITY — God's bachelor days are over! In one of the most shocking religious revelations in centuries, the Vatican has just confirmed that God has a wife!

"We've been in close contact with a number of the heavenly saints, explains Vatican Cardinal Joseph Darlington. "They all attest to the fact that the Lord is married, and they provided us with many fascinating details of God's woman, who is becoming increasingly more eager to play a stronger role in her Husband's and Heaven's affairs.

God's wedding took place more than 9,000 years ago, after a 400-year courtship. "I wanted to make sure He was the right one," Mrs. God — whose Earthly name is Miriam — confided to the mutual friend who'd introduced them. The friend explains, "At first, she was a little put off by what she perceived as God's holier-than-thou attitude. After all, she'd been with plenty of men who considered themselves God's gift to women." But she wanted to make it work.

And because she did not want to take focus away from Him, Miriam preferred staying in the background, supporting her Husband, enjoying her harp lessons, relaxing on clouds, sharing recipes and loved ones' photos with the others in Heaven. "But that gets old after a couple thousand years," Mrs. God told her friend. "You start getting itchy to do other things, do something to impress the God you love. When you're the ruler of the universe's main squeeze, you start thinking to yourself, 'Maybe I should be making some sort of a contribution, too.' "

Toward that end, Miriam the Scriptures for angels and saints, for which she's gotten God to agree to write the introduction. Specially appointed angels and saints will distribute the books to clergymen of all faiths through proper Vatican channels. The contents may thus be shared with congregations the world over.

As to whether God gave his blessing for the saints to spill the beans about His wife, Darlington states: "Of course He did. God's feeling is that in this era of divorce and immorality, there needed to be a very strong role model. And what stronger role model could lasting marital relationship?"

Is God's marriage, then, completely trouble-free? "Absolutely not," replies Darlington. "The Lord and his life partner have their issues and flare-ups, same as any other couple.

"For example, Miriam loves to go dancing as much as possible, but God prefers spending his time creating new universes. Miriam enjoys shopping, but God would rather orchestrate a meteor shower. Miriam's big on watching movies; God would rather spend that time smiting evildoers and granting forgiveness.

"Yet they both have so many other things in common, such a strong chemistry, not to mention thousands of years of shared history — that seeing them together makes one just feel warm all over. Especially if

ARE YOU KIDDING?

The only argument God and Mrs. God have ever had was over His insistence that she sign a prenuptial agreement.

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MOVIE MAYHEM!

Pummeling popcorn hurts 37

By NIGEL FLEMING

DAYTON, Ohio – In what is being described as the worst popcorn-related disaster in U.S. history, 37 innocent moviegoers were injured when an industrial-strength popcorn machine violently malfunctioned.

"It was horrible," sobbed Becky Thistle, 14, who sustained minor injuries when an exploding kernel flew up her nostril, triggering a sinus attack. "People were running everywhere, screaming and dropping their hot dogs, pretzels and drinks."

Sam Wallace, 79, a retired infantryman who fought in World War II, was startled by the devastation. "It was worse than storming the beach at Normandy," he said. "I dodged bullets on that fateful day in France, but not here. I sustained three direct hits, one unpopped kernel in the forehead and two in the chest. I'm lucky I made it out alive."

Lyle Hickman, owner of the Tasty Popcorn Supply Company, issued a statement denying any culpability. "I'm sure the fault doesn't lie with our Blasto Extreme Popcorn Machine. It's our top-of-the-line popper, and it's nonlethal if operated according to instructions."

A criminal complaint may soon be filed against theater owner Norville Retcher.

Initial reports from an investigation looking into what triggered the disaster show the machine was likely overloaded with oil and popcorn in an attempt to blast out more of the popular movie snack for the premiere of the final *Star Wars* movie.

Retcher, however, strongly denies the anticipated charges. "I doubt they'll find one kernel of evidence against me," he said.

Until the dilemma is resolved, Police Chief Norton Thatcher is

WORLD'S FIRST CUPID

By MARK MILLER

MIAMI, Fla. — Of all the symbols of love, passion, and Valentine's Day, Cupid is perhaps the best known. And now, exclusively for readers of *Weekly World News*, Cupid is going to become much more personally well-known. For the first time ever, the elusive Cupid has not only consented to his first media interview — he's chosen *Weekly World News* for that honor!

Angelina and Billy Bob

The interview took place on a beautiful, warm, sunny spring day in a park of Cupid's choosing. There, as he answered questions, he would occasionally spot a male or female in need of his romantic assistance, and shoot them with one of his love arrows, smiling as he hit his target.

WWN: *Cupid, thank you for honoring us with your first interview.*

CUPID: My pleasure. *Weekly World News* is my favorite newspaper, and I knew you would print the truth.

WWN: *How did you get started doing what you do?*

CUPID: My mother was Venus — the Goddess of love and beauty. So it's sort of a family tradition.

WWN: *Then you yourself are a god?*

as far as jobs go. My name comes from the Roman word *Cupido*, meaning "desire."

WWN: *What kind of childhood did you have?*

CUPID: Well, my mom was either instructing mortals in the art of making love or in front of the mirror keeping herself beautiful, so I was on my own a lot and had a lot of time to think and dream. That's when I came up with the whole bow and arrow thing.

WWN: *It just suddenly came to you that a bow and arrow would be the perfect means to induce love?*

CUPID: They're technically love darts. I researched love potions and whipped up a batch of powerful stuff. And decided if I dipped the tips of the darts into the potion, I could then get it into people's bloodstream fairly quickly and easily.

WWN: *Is it always successful?*

CUPID: Absolutely, 100 percent of the time. Though how long it lasts, I can't control. Brad and Jen surprised me. I could've sworn that one was gonna last. Same with Angelina and Billy Bob.

WWN: *Any unlikely matches surprise you that they're still together?*

CUPID: Britney and Kevin. I would've guessed two months, tops. Go figure.

WWN: *Are there any drawbacks to being Cupid?*

CUPID: The responsibility. It's overwhelming sometimes. I mean, to be the only being in the universe in charge of getting people to fall in love — that's pressure, man. I get migraines that you would not believe. Rashes, nervous stomach, high blood pressure — I get it all.

Brad and Jen

WWN: *How do you deal with it?*

CUPID: Oh, you know, the usual — yoga, meditation, cloud floating.

WWN: *Cupid, is there any advice you would offer human lovers?*

CUPID: Find the God and God-

ARE YOU KIDDING?

85 percent of people complaining about neck or back pain have actually been hit with one of

INTERVIEW WITH

MAN'S CHEST HAIR GROWS IN DESIGN OF DA VINCI'S LAST SUPPER!

By MARK MILLER

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The art world was stunned recently to discover a never-before-seen rendition of Leonardo da Vinci's classic painting, "The Last Supper," done in a truly unique medium – a man's chest hair!

As librarian Gabriel Grunfeld, 43, revealed on the local TV show, *Good Morning, Corpus Christi*, his chest hair has formed a minutely detailed version of the famed religious painting showing Jesus seated with his disciples at a long table, during dinner on the evening before he was to be betrayed by Judas.

"I noticed the image beginning to take shape when I was 18," recalls the especially hairy Grunfeld. "It seemed to first, followed by Judas, Peter and John, and then Christ, Thomas, James Major and Philip – and only very recently were the last three disciples completed – Matthew, Thaddeus and Simon."

As to what caused this bizarre occurrence, Dr. Robert Kosberg, of the National Institute of Unexplained Phenomena, states, "On rare occasions, the mind-body connection may be so strong that the synaptic energy and imaging will actually transfer from the mind to the body. A dream, a thought, even an image seen – any of these things can become physically imprinted, manifesting itself as a mole, birthmark, scar – or a design in chest hair."

Grunfeld is in no hurry to have it off.

HOLY HAIR GROWTH: Note the miraculous appearance in Gabriel's chest hair.

MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

As millions of fans line up around the block to see Revenge of the Sith, Ed blasts . . .

I DON'T GIVE A $@%! ABOUT NEW *STAR WARS* FLICK!

This kind of recycled trash bores me to tears

I'M MADDER than a Wookiee with a busted flea collar at all this hoopla about the latest *Star Wars* movie!

Now, I know the world's nerds are gonna come after me with their torches, pitchforks and pocket protectors when they read this. But let's face it, folks: This picture is nothing but the second sequel to the prequel of a movie that was just a retread of those old Saturday matinee serials like *Buck Rogers* to begin with!

SEEN IT! The new caped

All the geeky *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* because now we "get to find out" what happens to young Darth Vader. Well, I hate to spoil the surprise for the high-water pants and coke-bottle-bottom-glasses crowd, but I already know the answer — without wasting $9 on a movie ticket: He turns evil.

You're also supposed to be on the edge of your seat every time someone comes after young Obi Wan Kenobi with a light saber. Well guess what? You can relax, 'cause he's going to survive and become Alec Guinness.

admit he ripped off those old-time serials. He says his idea was to create a nostalgic flick that harkened back to the good old days. That's why, if you take a look at the first *Star Wars* movie, you'll see spaceships "banking" just like old-fashioned World War II fighter planes.

Don't get me wrong, gang. Nobody's more nostalgic than yours truly. Why, I own the biggest collection of Civil War memorabilia of anyone I know.

But science fiction is supposed to be about the future, by jiminy — not the past.

The other lame "blockbuster" movies coming out this summer still trying to milk the Caped Crusader.

For crying out loud, they've already made four Batman movies in the last few years — starring three different actors who all got so bored playing the role they swore off it.

The difference is this is another prequel and we find out what young Bruce Wayne does to get back at the world's criminals after his parents are murdered. Gee, I wonder how that will turn out?

Heck, about the only original movie I've watched this year was *Sin City* — and that was the most sickening piece of ultra-violent trash I've seen in my life.

would be like one of those old detective pictures starring Humphrey Bogart we used to see at the drive-in.

Well, poor Thelma Jean had to go puke her guts out in the ladies room. Anytime a character is castrated TWICE, I reckon it's fair to call the violence "gratuitous."

Anyhow, while the rest of America is lining up to see this new *Star Wars* flick, I'll be at home with a bowl of popcorn watching a video of the old Flash Gordon serial starring the late, great Buster Crabbe.

At least I'll know it's SUPPOSED to be old — and I won't have to see any stomach-churning violence either.

PHYSICIST PROPOSES WITH NUCLEAR BOMB TEST

Now island chain spells fiancee's name across the South Pacific

KABOOM! Charlie used heart-shaped nuclear clouds and map-changing blasts to declare his love for smart and sexy Enola.

By MARK WURKDIGLIEBE

TANGATUFA, Moroan Archipelago — When U.S. Director of Nuclear Testing Charlie Hardtack decided to settle down with his longtime girlfriend — and chief physicist — Enola Jolly, he wanted to do more than merely 'pop' the question.

"I knew that I had to propose in a way that said 'this is forever,' " Hardtack explained. "I thought about a tattoo but that seemed ordinary. Skywriting was big but ephemeral. Then, in the middle of our preparations for the Union II nuclear test in the Moroa Islands, it occurred to me that weapons-grade Plutonium has a half-life of 24,000 years.

"I looked at those sugary sands, the palm trees, and the shimmering jade ocean, and I thought, 'It doesn't get any more romantic than this,' " Hardtack went on. "So, without her knowing it, I made some changes in the bomb's fission tamper and Beryllium-Polonium core. Then . . . I waited."

The couple watched the detonation from the firing bunker on Tangatufa Island. At first it seemed as though Hardtack's efforts were for naught.

"Enola is a pretty focused lady. When the cloud went up in a heart-shape instead of the usual mushroom, she said nothing."

intensity of 2.8 — the number of years we'd been dating — she still didn't get it.

"But later, in our survey plane 10,000 feet over the test site, my girl finally realized what was going on."

friend saw, written on the sea in mile-wide letters of demolished rock, sand and coral, the message: "Marry Me, Enola."

"Actually, it said 'Marr Me, Enola' because I had underestimated the yield by a few kilotons, but she got the picture," Hardtack said.

Enola immediately accepted the proposal.

"I saw straight into Charlie's soul that morning," she told

Charlie and Enola now wear matching engagement rings designed by Hardtack himself. The rings feature luminous green stones made of Moroa Island sand fused into glass by the detonation.

"When Charlie pulled the ring out, my heart started beating like crazy — and so did my Geiger counter," Enola recalled.

She and Charlie look forward to a long future together. As Charlie put it: "Our relationship is perfectly self-sustaining, and will produce — now that the test-

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AUSTRALIA'S KANGAROO COURT HAS *REAL* KANGAROOS

By BERNIE PYLE

DARWIN, Australia – Many despotic countries have kangaroo courts – so-called because they leap to conclusions without facts to back them up. But only one country – Australia – has kangaroo courts with real kangaroos!

Danny Hunter, one of Aussie land's top law chiefs, said, "We have plenty of kangaroos in this country causing trouble, and it's our job to bring them to justice.

"Some kangaroos are just in the wrong place at the wrong time, or else they're provoked by stupid American tourists. In those cases, we let them go back into the wild, with a warning.

"But other kangaroos are malevolent and like to cause harm. Those kangaroos we punish."

Common incidents with kangaroos include punching tourists, hopping on cars and stealing digital cameras and hiding them in their pouches.

"Kangaroos are responsible for 25 percent of the stolen digital cameras in our country," Hunter said. "Their arms are perfect for pushing buttons to take pictures. They love looking at themselves immediately afterwards. They're quite vain, actually.

"Their modus operandi is to punch a tourist in the head, grab the camera, drop it in their pouch and hop away. Then they join a pack of other kangaroos, and it's impossible

GIRL SINGS HER HEART OUT

Doctors call it cardio-cannonitis . . . it's extremely rare!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

DOVER, Del. — It started out as an ordinary elementary school talent show, with fifth- and sixth-graders demonstrating their skills in ballet, as pianists and violinists, and as singers. One of the vocalists was 11-year-old Carol Clamor, who was singing selections from *Footloose*.

"At first her performance was inspiring," said Mrs. Warble, the Dover Municipal School music teacher. "She was all, 'You gotta cut loose . . . footloose!' But when her costume began to redden I became concerned."

So did the school nurse, Miss Tina Chapel. "We were so proud of Carol," she told us. "When she finished her song the whole school applauded. Then she fainted. I assumed all the attention made her lightheaded. I thought the redness was a juice box in her pocket or something."

What actually happened was that Carol had sung so loudly and passionately that her heart literally burst from her chest.

"I ran to the stage and saw

through the arteries," Nurse Chapel said. "Poor Carol was trying to sing while we called 911. She was up to 'Holding Out for a Hero' when the paramedics came. They put her loose, beating heart on a cymbal as they carried her to the waiting ambulance. It gave them a nice tinny beat as they rushed out."

At the hospital, surgeon Hans Klott put the girl's heart back in her chest.

"This condition, called cardio-cannonitis, is obviously extremely rare," said Dr. Klott. "But there have been instances when a person performs a physical activity so intense that the heart can just pop out, like a shoulder. For example, when a romance ends people often say they have a broken heart. It is true. You can get so upset that you literally blow out your heart."

As soon as they were allowed, many of the students and faculty visited the medical miracle in intensive care.

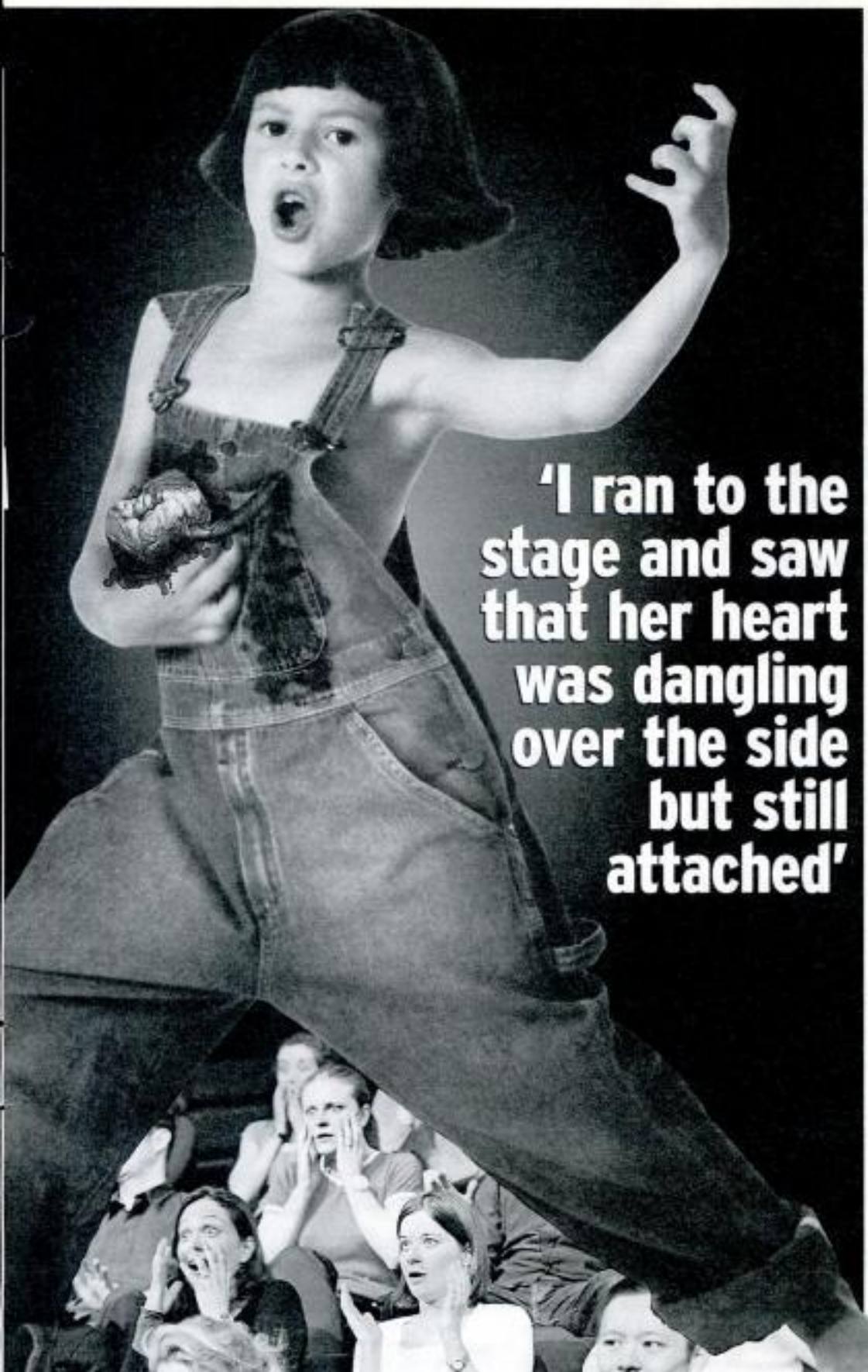
"It was tough to find a get well card that didn't have hearts on it," said one student. "We didn't think she'd want to see one for a long time."

ories of the accident are hazy and her outlook is upbeat.

"I don't remember much except how breezy it suddenly felt in my chest," she said. "I guess I should have studied chamber music more — heart chamber music," smiled the plucky girl.

Because of this incident, the school board has asked Mrs. Warble to add a musical safety class to the curriculum.

"I don't really expect anyone to blow a trumpet so hard that they lose their colon, but I guess it could happen," said the teacher.



GIRAFFE NABBED BY THE LONG NECK OF THE LAW!

By NIGEL FLEMING

GRANADA HILLS, Calif. – After dozens of complaints from upset neighbors, stunned California fish and game officers raided the San Fernando Valley home of Doris Bitley, 57, and carted off her beloved pet giraffe, Elsie.

"It's about time," bellowed Stan Sullivan, 77, her irate neighbor of 30 years. "After her husband died seven years ago, Doris went into a funk. Then she brought home this baby giraffe for companionship." But the cute yard-tall creature quickly grew to 14 feet.

Bitley treated Elsie as if she were her child, taking her for walks and even driving Elsie to the park for fresh leaves and dozens of snow cones.

At first the giraffe didn't bother anyone. "It stayed in Doris's backyard all day and ate vegetation all night," said Mindy Rovers, who lives across the street from Bitley. "But eventually it started roaming the neighborhood. That's why the trees are denuded around here for a 10-block radius."

Some neighbors support Bitley. "It's not fair that they took Elsie away from Doris," said Nellie Valenzuela. "They love each other. They need each other."

Elsie is temporarily staying at a local center for wild animals and will be shipped to a refuge in Africa in several months.

If all else fails, Bitley is prepared to leave the U.S. to be with her beloved pet.

"If Africa is good enough for Tarzan," Bitley said

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POLICE BEAT

MAN THREATENS TELLERS WITH 'HAND' GUN

But his gun . . . er, fingers . . . didn't scare anyone

CASH-STRAPPED CROOK couldn't even afford a weapon!

By DORIAN WAGNER
Crime Reporter

MERCED, Calif. — It was perhaps the most worthless weapon ever wielded in a bank robbery. Either that, or the man who used it was just the most worthless crook ever.

According to police, Steven Richard King II, 22, walked into a Bank of America branch, pointed his finger and thumb like a gun and demanded money from the tellers.

Police said he didn't try to hide the fact that his hand gun was literally a "hand" gun. He didn't even try to point it through a jacket pocket, they said. He just held up his two-finger firearm in plain sight.

Not surprisingly, none of the tellers felt threatened enough to follow his money order.

"The teller told him to wait there, and just walked away," said Sgt. Gary Austin. "When he got tired of waiting, he left the bank."

But King didn't go far, Austin said.

He was across the street at Valliwide Bank, trying his hand gun trick again — this time with a little extra oomph.

"He jumps the counter and tries to get the key to the cash drawer, but an employee grabs the key and tells him to get out of there," Austin said. "He goes back to the lobby area and another employee tells him again, 'Get outta here.' "

Which he did. But once again, he didn't go far. Discouraged and dejected, King merely sat in the shrubs in front of the bank, Austin said. And that's where he was when bicycle cop Bob Luna pedaled up and arrested him.

A patrol car was called in to haul King off to jail.

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CRIME BLOTTER

PINK FLAMINGO KIDNAPPING

Police received notification that six lawn ornament pink flamingos were being held for ransom in Washington state.

The kidnappers allegedly grabbed the notoriously-tacky birds from the front yard of a Centralia home. They left a ransom note promising the flamingos' safe return if 10 candy bars were left in a specific mailbox.

If the demands are not met, the note warned, pink heads will roll.

MAN LEARNS COPS

Zealand man to spend a day at a pig farm because he was caught verbally abusing police officers by calling them "pigs."

The 22-year-old was also ordered

"I was very, very drunk," the name-calling man said. "I have stopped drinking because of what happened. I have wasted the police's time and mine."

During his trial, the defendant maintained the word "pig" could be found in the Oxford dictionary with a meaning that is often used to describe police.

He did add, however, "a pig and an officer have nothing at all in common."

POLICE MAKE MUDDLED MESS

Police in Australia suffered misfortune after misfortune in a two-hour-long car chase which was topped off by an ending where the man they were chasing actually got

spotted the white Subaru with no license plate around 8:20 p.m.

Minutes after the pursuit started, one of the squad cars overheated and broke down. Firefighters called out to put out the engine fire soon discovered the car didn't just overheat, the radiator hose was blown.

Several other cars took over the chase and road spikes were set down as the fugitive approached, but the driver easily drove around them.

Then the front police car's sirens stopped working, so yet another had to take over the lead.

The Subaru on the run was tailed for another 125 miles, but he managed to lose police around

BEAUTIFUL BELLE DATES GEEKS

'I want to help them. It's a holy calling'

By NICK JEFFREYS

GORGEOUS Tiffany Gothschild devotes her life to a unique, one-woman charity that has no need for teary infomercials or annual fundraisers. The stunning beauty with a heart of gold travels the country to date men who can't get a date.

Her reason: To build their self-esteem, give them confidence and, in some cases, prevent a tragic suicide.

"It breaks my heart when women treat guys like dirt just because they're ugly or geeky or don't make much money," said Tiffany, 23. "I want to help them. It's a holy calling, the type nuns get. I think of myself as a dating Mother Teresa."

Tiffany is a wealthy Southern belle born into a filthy rich family of cotton farmers. Brought up in the 200-year-old Gothschild plantation house in Georgia, she was educated by world-class tutors and attended the finest Swiss finishing school. Her manners and social graces are unsurpassed.

"Life has been very good to me," she told a *Weekly World News* reporter who caught up to the Good Samaritan knockout in Fargo, N.D. "I could have married a wealthy man and settled down to a

The living doll decided to take up Charity Dating one evening when she was in a cocktail lounge with a group of her debutante pals. A young biochemist from a local pharmaceutical company, who was obese and possessed an unfortunate mug covered with volcanic pimples, approached their table. He stammered shyly until he finally got the words out to ask one of the girls to dance.

The women, who had been suppressing giggles, burst out laughing and made mean comments.

"My friends said things like: 'You're not even in our league,' and 'We know a place that gives half-price makeovers for the truly ugly,' and 'That pimple cream you're using isn't working,' " recalled Tiffany.

"I was humiliated by their tactless responses. The poor fellow

"I told them: 'You all disgust me.' I gathered up my things and went to the man's table to apologize for their horrible behavior. I asked him to dance. He was an intelligent, warm person with a great sense of humor. I told him so. At the end of the evening, he was a new man."

Tiffany's idea was born.

"My family has a personal jet so it's easy to get around," she said. "My procedure is simple: I go to a city and find the hottest nightclub. I look for a man who is not conventionally attractive and seems

ner. I tell him how wonderful and sweet and virile he is. We go out once, twice or even three times. I stay until my patient's confidence is boosted so high he doesn't need me anymore — and then I move on."

During the last two years, the luscious lady has visited more than 50 cities and helped approximately 500 males with what she calls her "Kindness Therapy."

"I love what I do," added Tiffany, who's quickly becoming a legend through spottings reported on the Internet. "And who knows? Maybe my work could eventually lead to true love for myself.

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PRAY FASTER IN NEW DRIVE-THRU CHAPEL!

By MARK MILLER

SELMA, Ala. – In today's short attention-span world, people have less time to eat meals – hence, fast-food. They have less patience for long-term relationships – hence, quickie-divorces. And now, because even worshiping God takes up much-needed Sunday time, folks can do their praying quickly in a new drive-thru church!

At the Martin Luther King Church, you're in and out in five minutes, guaranteed. You stay in your car and pull up to five different stations, each station lasting one minute of the five minute service. As Pastor Edward "Speedy" Jones puts it, "You get a one-minute sermon, a one-minute Bible study class, a one-minute choir song, one-minute news update about the congregation and one minute of passing the collection plate and making a donation."

"I'm ashamed to say I'd completely stopped going to church," admits Christine Soto, 43. "Between my job and my kids and errands and just needing the time to relax, I couldn't seem to make a couple of hours of church work for me. But now I go every week. Thank you, Jesus!"

Other religions are taking note. The Trinity Catholic Church in Atlanta has recently added a drive-thru confession booth. And Temple Beth El in

MILLIONAIRE BUILDS CHURCH OF $$$

By SCOTT STEVENS

CAHILL, N.M. — For as long as he can remember, Rufus Friday worshiped money. Two years ago, the 42-year-old self-made millionaire put his money where his mouth is, and built a church dedicated to the love of money. In fact, that's what it's called: The First Church of $$$.

"Hollar for a dollar!" Friday urges his parishioners. "Say 'Amen' for ten!" he yells.

"Let others pray to God Almighty. We pray to the Almighty Dollar."

All of Friday's sermons consist of extolling the great wonders of money, to the exclusion of almost anything else.

"Money is a miracle," Friday told a recent congregation. "Look at it: Jesus turned wine into water. That was pretty good. But I can change *this*," he said, holding up a hundred dollar bill, "Into almost anything I want!

"People go to church and say 'God, give me this,' or 'I want that.' Personally, I think God's got enough to do without figuring out middleman — God — and go right to the source: Money. Once we have that, we don't need God to get us the microwave — we can buy it ourselves."

Friday said he was literally born under a dollar sign.

"My mother was standing outside a pawn shop, when she had me. The pawn shop had a '$$$' sign hanging over its doorway. My mother was pawning her jewelry so she could afford to have me, when out I came. If that's not a sign, I don't know what is."

Friday said he wanted to make money so badly, he didn't even finish high school.

"The first day I could drop out and get a job, I did," Friday said. He started a number of businesses that went nowhere. Then one day he was hit by a car driven by a drunk millionaire.

"He gave me a wad of cash to make the whole thing go away,"

IT'S ALMOST impossible to get the congregation to part with any money, says Rufus Friday.

thing changed: My self-esteem went up, my worries ended, women would go out with me. O.K. — I couldn't walk for six months, but every success has a little drawback."

That's when Friday got the brilliant idea for the Church of $$$.

instead of "Amen," "cross" themselves by making a "$" sign, and begin and end each service singing the '60s hit "Money (That's What I Want)."

Ironically, one problem Friday had was getting people to put money in the collection plate.

ing cash, it's almost impossible to get the congregation to part with any of what they've got. In fact, it got to the point where I had to hire guards to keep 'em from stealing what was in the plate already.

"I had to start charging admission before they

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Our staff personally asks celebrities things you need to know, quotes you will never see anywhere but in *Weekly World News!*

NORM MacDONALD

– *ex*-Saturday Night Live *player:*

Q: Have you ever been to Wisconsin?

A: "Just for, you know, the parties."

RON SILVER

– *who made a recent guest appearance on the hit show* West Wing:

Q: Why do you keep coming back to series TV?

A: "You may want to ask my first wife's lawyer."

ELTON JOHN

– *singer and songwriter of the song* Candle In The Wind:

Q: How does Atlanta compare to the South of France?

A: "Well, you can't see the

TITANIC FINALLY DOCKS!

LATE ARRIVAL RESULTS IN CONFUSION FOR PASSENGERS AND FAMILIES ALIKE

THE BIG PICTURE

By SAM STEWART

NEW YORK, N.Y. — On Wednesday, April 10, 1912, shortly after the noon hour, the *RMS Titanic* left England with more than 2,000 passengers and crew for its historic first transatlantic voyage to New York City.

BON voyage or "long" voyage? These passengers were in for the ride of a

The journey was supposed to take six days. According to Manhattan dockworkers and victims' family members, it finally arrived — 33,945 days and fifteen hours late.

"It was the weirdest, scariest thing I've ever seen," said two-fisted longshoreman Ted Langley of Brooklyn. And he's seen everything, he said, from Mob hits to sharks being struck by lightning.

"The big ship just slid into the river late one night, glinting in the moonlight. It sailed right through the span of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge like it wasn't there and eased into a slip — at least, where a slip would have been 83 years ago. Now there's nothing but ruined pilings."

The ghostly bulk docked shortly after 3 a.m. Initially, there were no witnesses other than Langley and his fellow graveyard shift workers who just stood and watched.

at the rail," Langley continued. "I guess they were expecting us to raise a ramp — but there was no ramp and no terminal. Hell, as far as we knew there was no ship. We figured it was just the result of bad tuna or something.

"After a while the passengers just started disembarking, walking on air like there was a plank," the longshoreman told us. "Porters were carrying their luggage, all of them see-through like those plastic drink tops at McDonald's."

Things quickly went from merely eerie to utterly terrifying.

"Soon, all those spirits just took off," Langley said. "I don't mean they hailed cabs or went down in the subway. They flew in all directions, dimly lighted by the moon. The wind picked up and howled in our ears — at least, I hoped it was the wind."

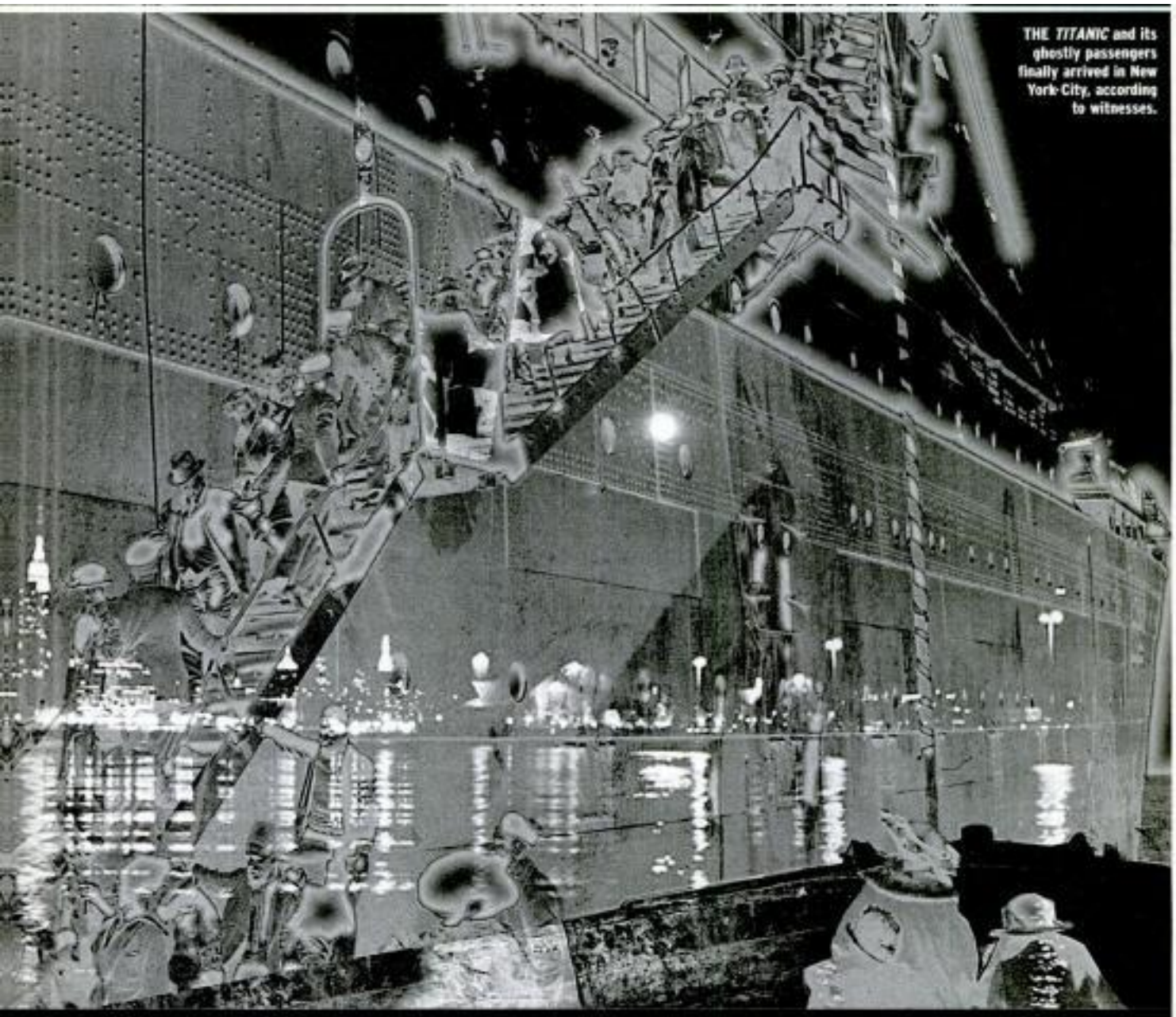
The flight of the specters was far from random.

"I was woken up about four a.m. by a pounding on my

steerage. "I looked through the peep hole only to see the ghost of my great-grandfather! I recognized him from old photographs. I stopped screaming long enough to hear him call me names for not meeting him at the dock!"

Like Shamus, spectral travelers had gone their separate ways throughout the tri-state area, unmindful of their horrible deaths and the extraordinary changes in a city they once knew so well.

"This is an unnerving but not an unprecedented phenomena," said clairvoyant Madame Mal-



THE *TITANIC* and its ghostly passengers finally arrived in New York City, according to witnesses.

matic experience and the victims of violent death typically block out the circumstances of their demise. Since they do that while it's happening, their spirits get trapped between the astral planes — neither alive nor dead. If they expire near their homes they immediately begin to haunt those places. If they die far away they eventually return, like moths to a flame.

"In both cases, the ghosts are trapped until they accept the reality that they have, in fact,

'It was the weirdest, scariest thing I've ever seen,' said eyewitness

others, the time with their ghastly, ghostly ancestors was short.

"Once the passengers disembarked it only took a few minutes for the *Titanic* crew to realize that no one was boarding for the return trip," Ted Langley explained. "The sailors raised anchor and headed back toward England. We all watched as the the sun rose, the *Titanic* slowly disappeared."

So did its passengers.

"Shamus had walked through the door and dropped his luggage at my feet," Sean revealed, still shaken by the encounter.

"As I explained to him that he was dead, he started fading. He seemed resigned, almost content as he and his luggage drifted off like candle smoke."

Madame Malisa explained, "Once the ship had finished its trip, everyone was free to move

New York officially denies the event took place, Ted Langley denied the Port Authority denial.

"Oh, it happened," he swore. "And now that the shock has faded a little I can tell you it was a very happy experience. I mean, the ship was living proof that there's life after death!" Langley frowned.

"Well, living-dead proof anyway. That's pretty terrific, right? Now when my wife or my kids get all freaked out about dying, I just tell them not to worry about it. There's a great journey ahead. And if

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By DORIAN WAGNER

1640
Bloody Mary

A CONVICTED man's flogging punishment was abruptly halted when punishers noticed his blood had formed the image of the Virgin Mary.

The holy mother's likeness was clearly visible in the streaks and pools of blood shed by Paul Acklund, 32, of Staffordshire, England, who had been accused of stealing three apple crumb pies from a bakery window.

Royal Judge William Cullum sentenced Acklund to the 72-lash public beating, but quickly rescinded his decision when he witnessed the holy image appear in his alleged pie-thief's blood.

"I see now that I have made an inaccurate accusation of this fine, young man," Cullum said to the disappointed crowd of 350 curious onlookers. "I realize you were all here to witness a flogging, but the Holy Mother of God is most definitely with this man.

"I guess we made a mistake," he admitted.

1961
Alien affinity

SCIENTISTS discovered the gene responsible for attracting alien abductions.

As it turns out, the rare occurrence of a double-mutated 32nd chromosome causes the body to emit a certain pheromone that only aliens can detect.

"It acts as a sonar, guiding the spaceships in," said UFOlogist Roy Sampson of the

has this in common, so it is quite simple to predict whether a person who has not yet had an alien encounter will eventually be subjected to one."

Sampson said free screenings offered at the IICC were able to identify six persons with an inevitable abduction to look for in the future.

"At least now they know – and knowing is half the battle," Sampson said.

He suggested all babies be tested for double-mutated 32nd chromosomes so they "won't be scared when the little green men sneak up on them later in life."

Lack of federal funding shut down the IICC in 1965. No further testing for the alien-attracting pheromone has been conducted since then.

1978
Burrito bubbles

THE ELUSIVE Chupacabra reportedly attacked and sank a ship carrying two tons of burrito fixings.

The ship, the Pico de Gallo, was in route from Mexico to Florida to deliver the goods to several well-known Mexican food chain restaurants.

"The cargo was a total loss," said Captain Eladio Hernandez. "We believe the Chupacabra ate every single shred of cheese and lettuce."

The Chupacabra is a monster believed to kill its prey by sucking the blood from their heads. Like the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot, he is a seldom seen and rumored to be nothing but a myth.

For that reason, the United States Coast Guard saw no signs of the impending attack, and were not able to issue a warning to the ship.

"We had no indication the Pico was a target," said one unnamed official. "For one, the Chupacabra does not normally go for such long swims and he's really not large enough to eat all that food. Plus, we would have thought he gets enough Mexican food at home."

The burrito-gobbling menace was caught after the attack, but managed to free himself from the line used to tie him up.

"It was very easy to spot him," the official said. "The men we sent out to get him just followed the bubbles coming up from the sea.

FORTUNE COOKIE

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WHAT'S your secret message from the Fortune Cookie? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

If the number of letters in your first name is 5 or less, subtract that number from 7. If there are more than 5 letters in your first name, subtract the total from 13.

Now take the result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT above. Then, starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, check each of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters below

Storks Deliver Babies Again!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

LANSING, Mich. — Because women spend as much time working as men, it has become more difficult for them to balance career and family — especially childbearing.

"Women just don't have time to procreate," said Dr. Janis Barren, a sociologist who has been studying the evolution of childbearing in society. "I don't just mean raising children. Many don't have the time or energy to become pregnant. What's more, the stress of competing in business can actually cause the female immune system to block sperm from entering the egg."

Fortunately, there is a solution.

"I came home one night from a 12-hour work-day," explained Martha Gogetum, a partner in a law firm. "I was exhausted and as I parked my BMW I wondered how I was ever going to start a family. Suddenly, I Inside was a beautiful baby boy. I was overjoyed."

Reports of such deliveries have been coming from all over Michigan — home of one of the nation's largest population of storks.

"I'm not surprised," Dr. Barren went on. "Stork deliveries seem to have originated hundreds of years ago during the black plague. Mortality rates were high. If it hadn't been for these birds flying human babies high above the plague to healthier parts of the country, Europe may not have survived. Something in the maternal nature of these birds compelled them to act. They did the same thing during the Great Depression, bringing Dust Bowl babies to New York. So many newborns arrived that the city established the Stork Club to feed them."

"Happily, storks proved ideal for the job," said ornithologist Dr. Fred Tweety. "They are powerful birds, and their long beaks are ideal for holding onto the bunched diaper."

Unfortunately, the first few bird deliveries of the 21st century were not without problems.

"My husband and I were sitting in the living room discussing our future when we heard a tumbling sound from our chimney," said Dr. Lisa Van Dyke. "A soot covered baby plopped into the fireplace. We ran to it — quickly, because the fireplace was lit."

After a few more chimney disasters — which included babies that became stuck or trapped, squirrels and mice inside — the storks changed their tactics and began leaving them at the doorstep.

So far 100 babies have been successfully delivered, making many corporate women very happy. In fact, the experience has proved life-changing for one.

"I'll take a dirty diaper over a board meeting any day," said

NEWS 'TOON

FREEZE SPRAY!

By NICK JEFFREYS

THERE you are at a party, stuck in the corner with a bore who's describing, in excruciating detail, each and every stamp in his collection. What do you do? If you had Statue Spray, all you'd have to do is freeze him – and make your escape!

Dr. Roger Eckhart, a widely respected biophysicist, has invented the handy spritz bottle that contains the stiffening mist which can be used for a hundred other sticky situations from which you'd like to break loose.

"Say your boss asks you a question and you don't know the answer," says Dr. Eckhart. "You simply spray him so he freezes and run to your desk to get the answer. When he comes to life again, you're standing right in front of him with the information he wanted."

The most difficult thing about Statue Spray is predicting the time necessary to escape or solve your problem. The bottle has settings for 1 minute, 5 minutes, all the way up to 5 hours. If, for example, you give yourself only a minute to find a blouse you secretly borrowed from a friend and want to hang it back up in her closet before she notices, she might unfreeze and uh oh – you'll still be out of the room!

Says Eckhart: "In a situation like that, you should have set it for a couple hours and given yourself time to wash and dry the blouse.

"The 'Statue' person is unaware any time has passed at all – even if 5 hours has gone by. If they were in mid-sentence when you froze them, they'll finish it when they thaw."

CRIME FIGHTING DOESN'T PAY

JOE DYNAMO'S

Superhero blasts free

By DICK SIEGEL

ELLSWORTH, Colo. — Local superhero Joe Schuster, aka Joe Dynamo, was cooling his jets in the Infantry Path county jail after accidentally shocking Mayor Boring. I was there for an exclusive interview when I suddenly became part of the news instead of merely reporting it.

Alarms began blaring from the main cellblock! Sounds of shooting and screaming could be heard over the sirens.

"Jailbreak!" I cried.

"Quick! Remove my gloves!" Joe Dynamo insisted.

I hesitated. The police had put insulated mittens on the electrically charged superhero to keep him from breaking out of prison. Abetting his escape would be a felony.

"Let me out or people will be hurt by real criminals!" he warned.

Joe had a point. I unwrapped the electrical tape binding his gloves.

"Now stand back," he said, directing me away from the metal cell door.

Joe unscrewed the bare light bulb hanging in his cell. He jammed an index finger into the socket. Waves of blue sparks enveloped Joe's hand, then his arm, then his entire body.

"Man, that feels good!" he cried as ener-

PART TWO: Crisis on Infantry Path

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

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How to play

Look up, down, backward, forward and sideways – in all directions – to find the words or names about all things alien in the list below.

ABDUCTION
ALIEN
BEING
COSMIC
DISAPPEAR
ENCOUNTER
EXAMINATION
FEARS
FLYING
GALAXY
GRAYS
HOVER
HYBRID
LIGHTS
MEMORY
MYSTERY
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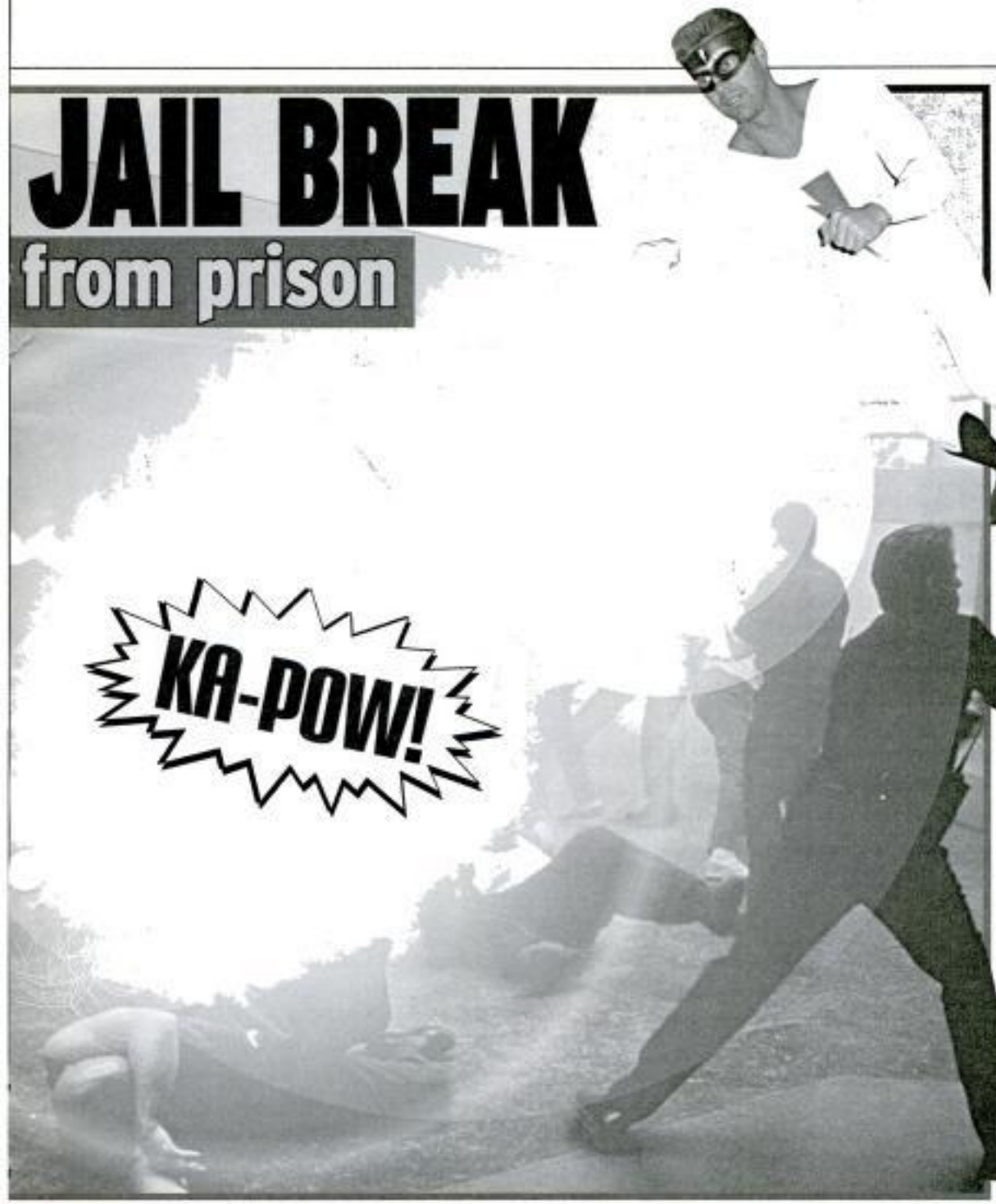
JAIL BREAK
from prison



toward the front of the cell. A bolt of lightning flew from his hand and blew the metal door off its hinges. He rushed through and ran down the corridor.

"Stay with me if you can," he shouted over his shoulder. "You're about to get a 'shocking' story!"

took off, riding pulses of electricity toward the main cell block. I had to run to keep up.

The guards were standing in a circle with their hands held high. A dozen convicts were within the circle, protected on all sides. I later learned

it in cigarettes, lighting them, and blowing the abrasive smoke toward a guard. Staggering blindly, he had gone too near a cell. The prisoners grabbed his keys and gun, allowing them to escape.

"One wrong move and

As I watched from behind a column, Joe Dynamo flew into the room. He fired a blast of energy into the center of the group. The convicts were blown over the heads of the captive guards like human cannonballs.

tled off to the infirmary.

"Thank goodness you were here, Joe!" Warden Sanderson declared when the superhero landed.

"Don't thank me, warden." Joe blushed. "I was just using my gifts. Thank the *Weekly World News* reporter who had the courage to free me — and," he winked, "Mayor Boring who had me arrested."

Needless to say, that arrest didn't stand. Mayor Boring declined to press charges — "It seems Mr. Dynamo is already 'charged'," he joked — and the superhero was set free.

Soon, Joe and I were finishing our interview over pasta at Infantino's. I asked the electrified hero about his future plans.

"I love this town but it's tough to stay in a place where I'm so high profile," he lamented. "Everyone knows who I am — along with my strengths and weaknesses. Criminals would know to strike when I was sleeping or on vacation. I would never get any downtime. If I had a girlfriend they'd try to inhibit my work by threatening her.

"So I'm thinking about roaming a bit," he said. "I'll stop wherever I'm needed and lend a helping hand." He took a swig of Jolt Cola and smiled.

"Or maybe I'll just buy myself a pair of glasses and a blue business suit and become a reporter

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BIGFOOT'S FATHER'S DAY ADVENTURE!
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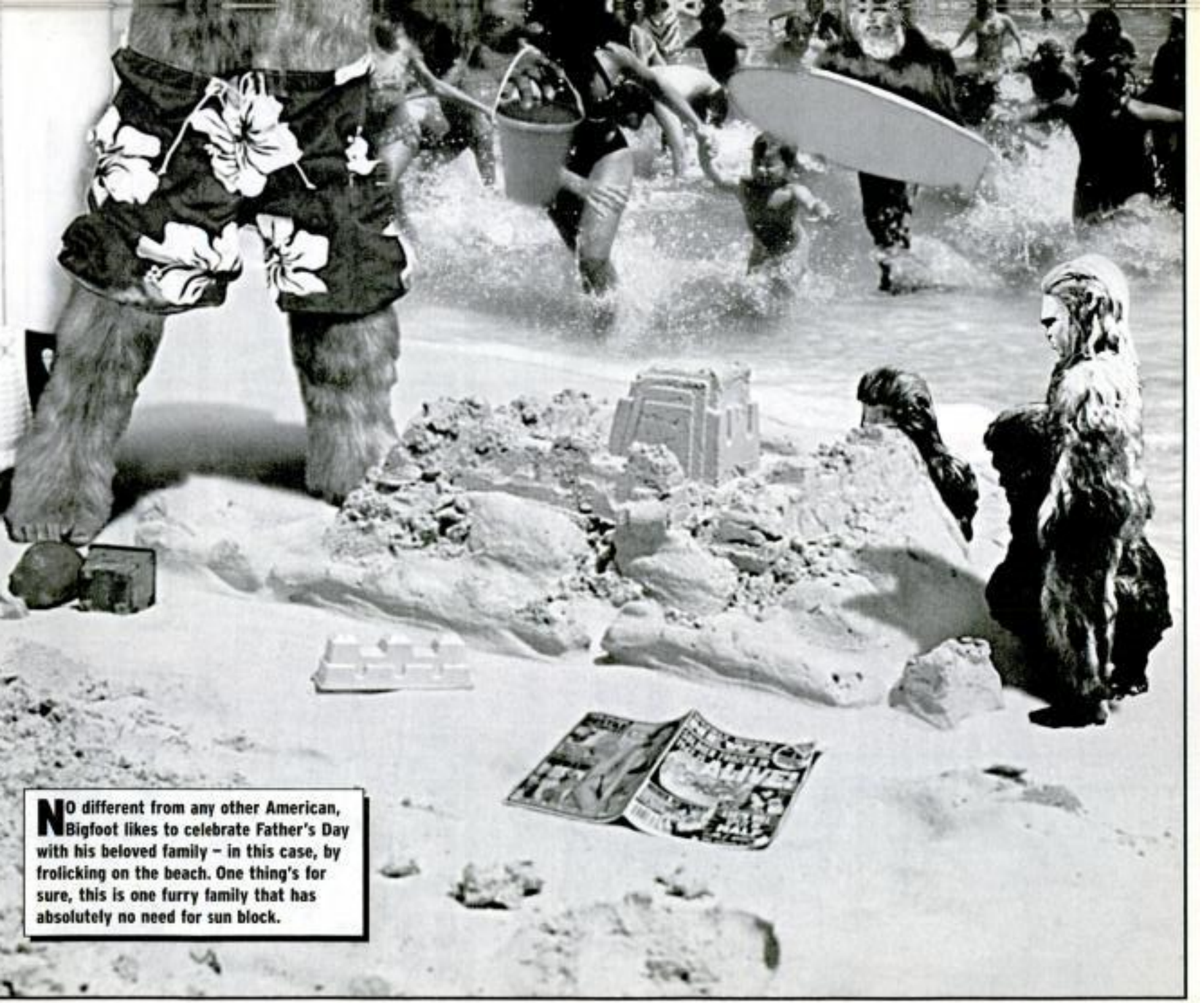

NO different from any other American, Bigfoot likes to celebrate Father's Day with his beloved family – in this case, by frolicking on the beach. One thing's for sure, this is one furry family that has absolutely no need for sun block.

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PALS KIDNAP BRIDE!

THEY STOP HER FROM MARRYING MR. WRONG!

By MIKE FOSTER

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — When Lisa Ellsington vanished on the eve of her wedding, authorities initially suspected another "runaway bride."

But an investigation revealed that her own bridesmaids kidnapped her to keep her from marrying Mr. Wrong! The bridesmaids were arrested after police rescued the captive from a motel room where she'd been held for 48 hours.

"The perpetrators have all confessed," announced Det. Edward Smith. "They genuinely cannot see that what they did was wrong. They kept calling the kidnapping an 'intervention.' "

The women, all lifelong friends, were "saving" their pal from marrying wealthy Austrian aristocrat Franz Habsburg, 39.

The couple met on a cruise last fall, and schoolteacher Lisa fell head-over-heels for the suave blueblood. During the ensuing courtship, he showered her with exquisitely tasteful gifts.

"Lisa thought this guy was Prince Charming, but we could see him for the cold-blooded snake he is," Nina Heckwood told *Weekly World News* in an exclusive jailhouse interview. "Yes, he has classy old-world

captivated by well-bred Franz.

"Then, at Lisa's 28th birthday party in February, the guy started talking about what excellent bone structure Lisa had and how her wide hips would make her a 'splendid breeder,' " Arlene Glodinski recalled. "It was obvious this creep saw Lisa as nothing more than good breeding stock."

That very night the couple announced their engagement.

"We tried to persuade Lisa to call the wedding off, but she wouldn't listen to reason," Nina said. "We realized we'd have to take matters into own hands."

The bridesmaids made their move on the morning of May 7, Lisa's wedding day.

"They were supposed to come over to Miss Ellsington's house and help her get dressed," said Det. Smith. "While she was getting into her gown, they put a large sack over

for the nuptials, the 390 guests were sent home, while family members launched a frantic search.

"The bridesmaids feigned being upset too," said Det. Smith. "Meanwhile, they took turns 'babysitting' the victim at the motel."

Cops located the victim acting on an anonymous tip from a Peeping Tom.

During Lisa's absence, the groom suspected it was "cold

Franz told Lisa's parents angrily.

Later, when Lisa was informed about the remark, she was so angry she called off the wedding. She also refuses to press charges against her friends.

"They were looking out for

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GIRL'S PET HIPPO SAVES HER FROM DROWNING!

13-foot-long gentle giant's 'loyal as Lassie'

BELLE GLADE, Fla. — When 9-year-old Amber Kaysinich's ankle got caught under a tree limb at the bottom of a lake, she almost drowned. But luckily, her pet hippopotamus Harry came to the rescue!

"Harry jumped into the water and swam right to me," Amber told *Weekly World News*. He picked up the tree with his teeth."

The 2,700-pound beast then used his flabby nose to nudge the girl to the surface.

Neighbors all thought Amber's parents were crazy when they purchased the hippo for their child in 2003. "Everyone said hippos were too dangerous," explained Amber's dad Roy, an investment banker. "But Amber fell in love with hippos when she saw them in a cartoon and pestered us for one."

Amber's an excellent swimmer. But when she was taking a dip behind the family's home on Lake Okeechobee, a sunken tree tumbled over, pinning her underwater.

"I was real worried 'cause I couldn't hold my breath any longer," she recalled. "But when I saw Harry swimming toward me I knew I'd be O.K."

Amber's parents are grateful to the hero hippo.

"Harry is as smart and loyal as Lassie," declared her mom Lisa.

ANTIGRAVITY BACKPACK HELPS BOY CLIMB ROPE IN GYM CLASS!

BOSTON – Cody Hurrell was tired of being called a "nerd" because he could only climb a quarter of the way up the rope in gym class. So the brainy 13-year-old invented an antigravity device that boosts him up to the 20-foot ceiling.

"At first I was going to tell Cody that using the pack was cheating," said gym teacher Bruce Geodorski of Hamilton Fields Academy. "But then I figured, 'The kid is using his brain instead of brawn – why discourage him?' "

Cody's compact gizmo, which fits inside a backpack, generates a powerful magnetic field that's stronger below and weaker above.

"The resulting upward magnetic force cancels out gravity," explained local physicist Jim Reedle.

Short, skinny Cody admits he invented the gadget to impress girls. And his plan worked – he's now dating the prettiest girl in 7th grade.

"Sure, I could date a jock who used his muscles to climb," explained Cody's new girlfriend Denise. "But Cody is so smart, he'll probably grow up to be rich like Bill Gates."

DID YOU KNOW...

The average person accidentally eats one pound of insects over the course of a lifetime.

BRAINTEASER

Where does yesterday follow today and adulthood come before childhood?

SOLUTION: The dictionary.

KIDS BUILD WORLD'S BIGGEST SAND CASTLE

— *and now their family lives in it!*

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. — Kaitlan Flemington and her siblings spent three weeks building the world's biggest sand castle — a 15,000 square-foot mansion complete with gargoyles, a moat and even a torture chamber!

The 12-room structure is so spacious the family has been able to move in.

"We could never have

"We've been living in a double-wide trailer," Kaitlan, 12, Trevor, 8, Dalton, 5, and Jason, 3, built the castle on oceanfront property inherited from their grandparents.

"We really like building sand castles," said Kait-

hoped we'd get to live in one."

WORD OF THE WEEK:

TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA= fear of the number 13.

Now that you know what it means, see if you can make four smaller words from the letters.

SOLUTION: risk, aide, phobia, hop

JOKES KIDS TELL!

This rib-tickler was sent to us by 10-year-old Mandy K. of Colorado Springs, Colo.:

DAD: Oops, I think I just made an illegal U-turn.

BOY: Don't worry, Dad. The police car right behind us did the same thing.

Kids, if you have a great joke, send it in! Mail it to: Kids'

SPYCAT
CREATED BY DICK SIEGEL
SPYCAT CATCHES UP TO WAR DOG AND TOPSY THE TRICERATOPS, WHO ARE IN IRAQ...
ERNIE COLÓN
WHAT THE %$@ IS THAT?
IT'S A TRICERATOPS HORRIDUS. LATE CRETACEOUS PERIOD BEFORE THE CRETACEOUS-TERTIARY EXTINCTION.
WHAT THE-
150 MILLION YEARS OF EVOLUTION... FOR THIS?
I KNOW WHAT A TRICERATOPS IS--
--WHAT IS THAT?
ME?
I'M YO' DADDY!
POUNCE!
HISS!
POW!
POW!
RIP!
TEAR!
RAP!
GRAB!

THE ADVENTURES OF BAT BOY
BY P. BAGGE 2005
NOW THAT BEYONCÉ KNOWLES HAS BEEN "OUTED" AS A HALF-SASQUATCH, EVERY BIGFOOT IN THE FOREST HAS BEEN SHAVED BY TALENT SCOUTS IN SEARCH OF THE NEXT DIVA SUPERSTAR...
HMPF. THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE JOHN BELUSHI.
OH! THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE JIM BELUSHI!
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE NEWLY DENUDED SASQUATCHES ARE NOW FREEZING TO DEATH!
THIS IS A CLEAR CUT CASE OF ANIMAL CRUELTY!
SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!
NEWS
(HOW'S MY HAIR?)
CATCHING WIND OF THIS, PRESIDENT BAT BOY PROMPTLY ISSUES ANOTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER...
SKREE.
BANNING THE SHAVING OF BIGFOOTS IS A WISE MOVE, MR. PRESIDENT...
BUT I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THIS OTHER DECREE OF YOURS...
THE ONE THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL TO IMPRISON THE QUEEN FOR ANY REASON...
IT SOUNDS NOBLE AND ALL, ONLY OUR COUNTRY DOESN'T HAVE A QUEEN...
...OR A KING, FOR THAT MATTER!
UH-OH! DIDN'T BAT BOY LEARN ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WARS?

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find the 10 brains hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

LAWYER OF THE APES

Gorilla hires attorney to help him win freedom from zoo

By MARK MILLER

PLEADING HIS CASE: Dwight hopes his stay at the zoo can be made more comfortable until he is released.

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. — While many people assume that animals are generally content living in zoos, that's not always the case — at least not for one 500 pound, 32-year-old male western lowland gorilla named Dwight.

In fact, Dwight is so unhappy at the Minnesota Zoo that he has hired attorney Richard Bleiweiss to help him win his freedom! "Dwight has been taught to use sign language and understand spoken English," explains Bleiweiss.

"Dwight is extremely bright, with a working vocabulary of over 1,000 signs — and can understand approximately 2,000 more words of spoken English."

Amazingly, Dwight initiates the majority of conversations with humans, and has a tested IQ of between 75 and 85 on a human scale, where 100 is considered average.

Through one of his language teachers, Dwight put the word out that he was interested in speaking to an attorney. Bleiweiss was recommended, a meeting was arranged, and the two hit it off almost immediately. "We have a lot in common," reveals Bleiweiss. "We both love creature comforts, value freedom, appreciate beautiful females, and, of course, enjoy a nice ripe banana on occasion.

"Dwight finds his life there to be uncomfortable, confining and frankly humiliating. He passionately desires to return to the jungle and firmly believes that's where he belongs, and that's where he will thrive."

Bleiweiss has taken on the case on a pro bono basis, though insiders speculate about his plans beast returned to his natural habitat will be payment enough for me," Bleiweiss insists. Dwight grunts and signs his approval.

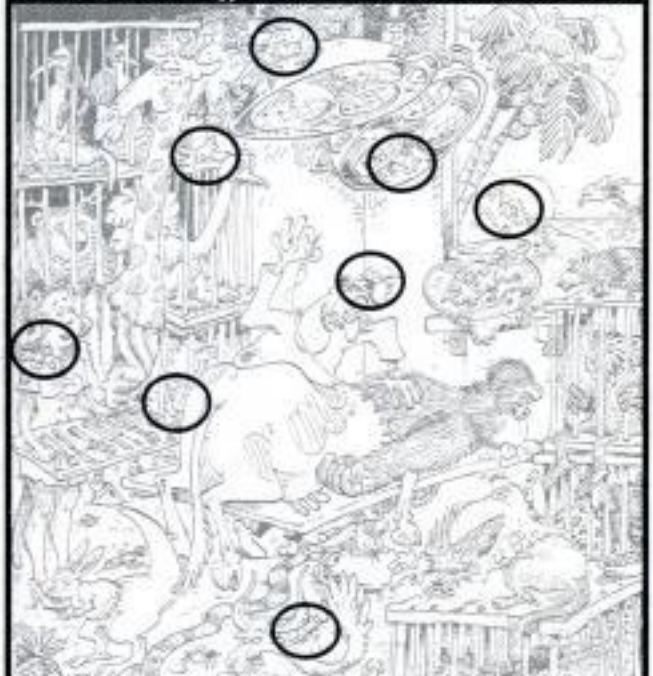
Dwight's greatly successful relationship with his new attorney has whet his appetite to communicate with other humans who could make his zoo life more comfortable until he wins his jungle freedom.

Amazingly, Dwight has a tested IQ between 75 and 85 on a human scale

Within the past few weeks, Dwight has requested meetings with a local chef to discuss possible changes to his daily diet, a movie theater manager to arrange for zoo screenings of recent hit movies, an interior designer to help create a more jungle-like atmosphere within Dwight's zoo area, a local newspaper reporter who will

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find the 10 mice hidden in the cartoon.



EARTH STUDENT ACCEPTED TO ALIEN COLLEGE!

By MICHAEL CHIRON

NEWPORT, R.I. — A brawny high school quarterback has become the first Earth student ever accepted to an alien college, NASA insiders confirm!

Tim Hadelton is set to begin classes next fall at the prestigious Zuxeviz University, located on a small planet orbiting the star Sirius A — a staggering 8.6 light-years away.

"Tim is going under an athletic scholarship," revealed a NASA source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"Although their brains are highly evolved, most aliens are puny, slow and awkward.

"The recruiters have high hopes that Tim will lead the school team to victory in their sport Nazu-Nazu — which is like football played with a Frisbee with razor-sharp blades that can cut your head off."

By Earth standards, Tim's 135 IQ puts him in the gifted category — but compared to fellow students from across the galaxy, he's a mental midget.

"He'll have to receive tutoring just to earn a C in 'basic' alien science courses such as Superluminal Drive Technology 101 — better known as Space Warps for Jocks," the NASA source said.

Tim was one of just 180 students nationwide invited by NASA to apply to the exclusive institution.

"When I got a phone call asking me to apply I thought it was one of my friends trying to 'punk' me," admitted the 18-year-old.

"Then I received this interactive holographic brochure from the school and I was, like, 'Wow, this place rocks!' "

NASA ordered Tim not to discuss the good news with the media, because our government's cozy relationship with extraterrestrials is highly classified. But the youth can't contain his excitement.

"I've been keeping my fingers crossed for months that I'd get in," he said. "When I received an e-mail welcoming me to the freshman class at Zuxeviz, my mom was so proud

STAR athlete Tim Hadelton, left front row, will soon be headed off to school – on another planet.

covered by a giant, climate-controlled dome, most of the 9,600 students are methane breathers. Oxygen breathers must wear special helmets while outside their dorm rooms.

Tim has no idea who his roommate will be other than it will be a fellow oxygen breather — and female.

"I've been told many coeds come from planets where sexual promiscuity is honored — a 'space babe' like that would be pretty cool," Tim said.

"On the other hand, I could wind up with a roomie with 12 tentacles who looks like Jabba the Hutt."

Although Zuxeviz is by no means a "party school," students know how to have fun.

"It's not all work and no play," the NASA source explained. "The university belongs to a cluster of prestigious interstellar colleges that compete in a variety of sports.

"The school mascot is a six-headed creature called a zeck and the Nazu Nazu team is known as the Zuxeviz Zecks."

Tim, who'll be transported to Zuxeviz aboard an alien craft, hopes to introduce classmates to Earth's college traditions.

"Most extraterrestrials have

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Miss Adventure

CONQUERS THE PRIX!

Drag queen RACES to find the right formula

By DREW SULLIVAN

MONTE CARLO — The Gayest American Hero continues to break records not only in the United States but around the world. Recently returned from overseas, Kevin Andrews, 29, discussed his latest triumph exclusively with *Weekly World News*.

The death-defying Andrews, known professionally as Miss Adventure, had planned a quiet weekend at home in Teaneck, N.J. Instead, his friend and mentor, Danny "Dee Dee" Romano, 62, booked the two of them on a flight to Monaco where — without Andrews's knowledge — he had scheduled his friend to drive in the annual Grand Prix motor race.

"I can't say I was happy about it," Andrews grumbled. "I would never even have gone if Dee Dee hadn't intentionally mispronounced the name of the race."

Monaco is best known as the principality formerly ruled by Prince Rainier III and his movie-star wife Grace Kelly, who died tragically in a car accident in 1982.

"Like it or not, I was obviously going to be rimming the course," Andrews said. "So I decided to make the best of it. In honor of Princess Grace, I decided to spend my visit dressed only in designs based on the clothes she'd worn in her films. I wore gowns from *Rear Window*, *High Society* and *To Catch a Thief*. I couldn't wear anything from *High Noon*, though. The hoop skirt wouldn't fit through the revolving doors, in the casinos or, most importantly, in the transportation Dee Dee had arranged for me."

Andrews took a moment to explain how Dee Dee became involved in the race. One of Dee Dee's oldest friends is Malibu's Benny "Big Drag" Rickles. Since the 1960s, Rickles has managed the only drag strip in the entire country run exclusively for transvestites.

"Back then, most racers called their seat belts 'shoulder harnesses,' " he told *Weekly World News*. "We always called them what they were: Brassieres. I mean, why else would you even use the term drag strip?

"Our racers have always had great cars," Big Drag said, then winked. "They also have hot rods, though they mostly keep those tucked away."

At 79, Rickles is still queen of the dragsters. But, as he told Dee Dee, the one thing he had never done was to have one of his custom cars in the Grand Prix.

"Well, Dee Dee set about to make that happen," Andrews said. "I should have known something was up when Dee Dee asked me the night before we left if I had ever shifted stick fast enough to burn rubber. I told him I had burned through lots of rubbers, though I had a feeling that wasn't what he meant.

"So there we were in Monaco," Andrews continued. "We were met at the track by Big Drag and his wheels, the V8-Topper. The car was pink and low slung, with an impressive tailpipe. I knew I'd enjoy being taken for a ride.

"The day before the race, Big Drag warned me about a cryptic missive that had been faxed from Malibu. The handwriting was abominable, and at first I thought it was a doctor's prescription for a

SAFETY BE DAMNED! As Miss Adventure drove, her scarf fluttered disconcertingly close to her wheels.

'I never even stripped my gears!'

MISS ADVENTURE made a quick pit stop in front of Grimaldi Palace, left. She didn't let fan male from the Mashed Marble, below, slow her down.

SPACE SHUTTLE FUEL rockets Kevin past the competition.

deciphered it. I could have sworn it said 'Your gays are numbered.' Dee Dee thought it said, 'Your lays are numbered' — which amounts to the same thing, really. Finally, Big Drag came up with 'Your days are numbered,' which actually made sense. The signature was simply impossible to make out. The closest we got was that the letter had come from someone calling himself 'The Mashed Marble.'

"Dee Dee told me to forget about my fan male and made me focus on test-driving the car. He warned me about the hairpin curves and I reassured him I'd packed plenty of hairpins."

With 'Marbles' still rattling around in his head, Andrews took the car for a spin. Almost at once he experienced a series of mishaps that came fearfully close to claim-

wound up in a local casino," Andrews told us. "I almost cashed in my chips before I'd even bet anything! Then the engine fell out with such an incredible crash I thought I'd dropped my purse. Finally my back tires flew off and I dragged my rear end 50 yards before I could stop. Thank God I had some good men working in my pit."

Clearly, The Mashed Marble was trying to make good on his threat to send Miss Adventure

put in an emergency call to his cousin at the Kennedy Space Center (*Weekly World News*, May 9, 2006). On the day of the Grand Prix, Andrews — dressed in an ice blue gown with matching chiffon scarf — hopped in a car whose tank was filled with space shuttle fuel!

"I'd been warned against wearing the scarf, since famed dancer Isadora Duncan had been strangled when her scarf got caught in her car's wheels — but fashion will

fan in a black race car beside mine — lifted the end of my scarf and flung it to the rear. It whipped Dee Dee right in the face! He became tangled in it just as a gunshot signaled the start of the race. I floored the gas pedal — not an easy thing to do in heels — and took off.

"To my amazement, Dee Dee was still holding my scarf. But all those decades of surfboarding paid off as he zoomed right behind me. It did put a considerable strain on my neck, especially when the rocket fuel kicked in and the V-8 Topper left the ground for a few miles. As my head was pulled to one side, I saw someone in that black car below shaking a fist at me and yelling, 'Curses!' I also thought I heard some car horns honking, but it turned out to be a flock of geese on their way to the Riviera."

Despite the handicap, when the dust had settled Kevin Andrews, Miss Adventure, had won the race!

"Not only had I won the Grand Prix, but thanks to the space shuttle fuel I won races I hadn't even entered in Spain and Portugal. As an added bonus, thanks to the scarf stretching my neck, I also placed first in the Audrey Hepburn Look-alike Contest when I got home.

"A week after our return to Teaneck, Dee Dee came into the TV room with a package that had just been delivered. It was from my mysterious enemy, The Mashed Marble.

"After soaking it in the Jacuzzi and calling the local bomb squad, we opened the box to find a beautiful new scarf, wrapped around a biography of Isadora Duncan.

"As near as we could figure it, the accompanying note read 'Wet Meat Again, Miss Adventure!' "

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By APRIL SUMMERS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – You've heard of the familiar quirk about turning your underwear inside out, but seasoned gamblers swear by some even stranger superstitions!

Weekly World News spoke exclusively with one prominent Vegas casino owner – and you wouldn't believe what he's seen people do!

"Blowing on dice is passe now. It's gotten much, much more complicated," said the man who asked to remain nameless, but swears he's seen it all.

For instance, he said, one of his regular customers insists on keeping chocolate and other sweets in his pockets at all times.

"He'll take the candy and toss it on the floor before he places a bet," the casino boss said. "He thinks the sweets will tempt the devil and he'll attack the candy and leave him alone to have good luck."

Another regular refuses to play if there is a bald man anywhere in sight because "they have zero hair," he said, "and 'zero' is a number he doesn't want anywhere near him when he's trying to win money."

Other absurd fortune-hunters do things like staying at least 10 feet from any woman in white because they're too pure; smacking their head three times to "shake things up;" and bringing voodoo dolls dressed like the dealer to poke him into submission.

"Whatever they think works," our source said. "If nothing else, at least they're funny to watch.

WEEKLY WORLD EXCLUSIVE NEWS

REALTOR FINDS HOMES FOR GHOSTS!

'THEY NEED PLACES TO LIVE TOO,' SAYS AGENT

By MARK MILLER

LANCASTER, Pa. — In a recent national survey of Americans' attitudes toward ghosts, most participants stated that although they find them fascinating, the biggest problem they have with ghosts is when the paranormal beings show up in their homes to frighten them to death.

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Tri-County Realty's Sarah Schearer has cornered a specialized niche in the real estate market — she is the world's only Realtor who sells homes exclusively to ghosts!

"They need places to live. I sell places to live. It just seemed to make sense," explains Schearer. "Why overlook a potentially lucrative client base simply because they're no longer among the living?"

Schearer was a bit apprehensive about her first ghost client, whom she met through a psychic friend.

But the experience turned out to be a positive one. "I think movies have given people the wrong impression of ghosts," states Schearer.

"This ghost was a very sweet woman who wasn't scary or strange at all. You'd almost think she was your own beloved aunt, if

Last year, Schearer sold over $10 million worth of homes to ghosts. Where do ghosts get the money to pay for their homes? "You'd be surprised," says Schearer.

"You know that old saying, 'You can't take it with you'? Not true. Many of the ghosts *did* take their fortunes with them and have plenty of ready cash. Others have hidden their fortunes and can easily retrieve them.

"There are some who convince their living friends and relatives to give or loan them the money. I've even heard rumors of ghost bank robbers, who must have the easiest job in the world, since they can pass through walls, cell doors and safety boxes at any time of the day or night, virtually undetected.

"Financing was a problem initially, but I've developed relationships with a few banks that are not only O.K. with, but also eager to, offer home loans to ghosts."

ARE YOU KIDDING?

According to a recent government research report, nearly 8 percent

Do ghosts have any specific housing preferences? "Absolutely," responds Schearer. "Ghosts generally prefer places that are more out of the way, with a certain amount of privacy. They like big homes with plenty of character and guest rooms for visiting friends and relatives. They like a nice view and they want to be located near their family."

Schearer's relationship with her ghost clients doesn't end once they move into their new homes.

"I help them with furnishings and decoration, get them acclimated to the neighborhood, take them through the new car purchase maze, and also help them with any mental or emotional issues they may have in the course of their transition from the world of the dead to becoming a homeowner among the living.

"I've even produced various social events for them, such as dances, hikes, mixers and bowling tournaments."

Success with the ghosts has opened Schearer's eyes to other nontraditional but potentially lucrative real estate client possibilities. "I'm currently in some very promising talks with zombies, werewolves and the reincarnated. I know now that limit-

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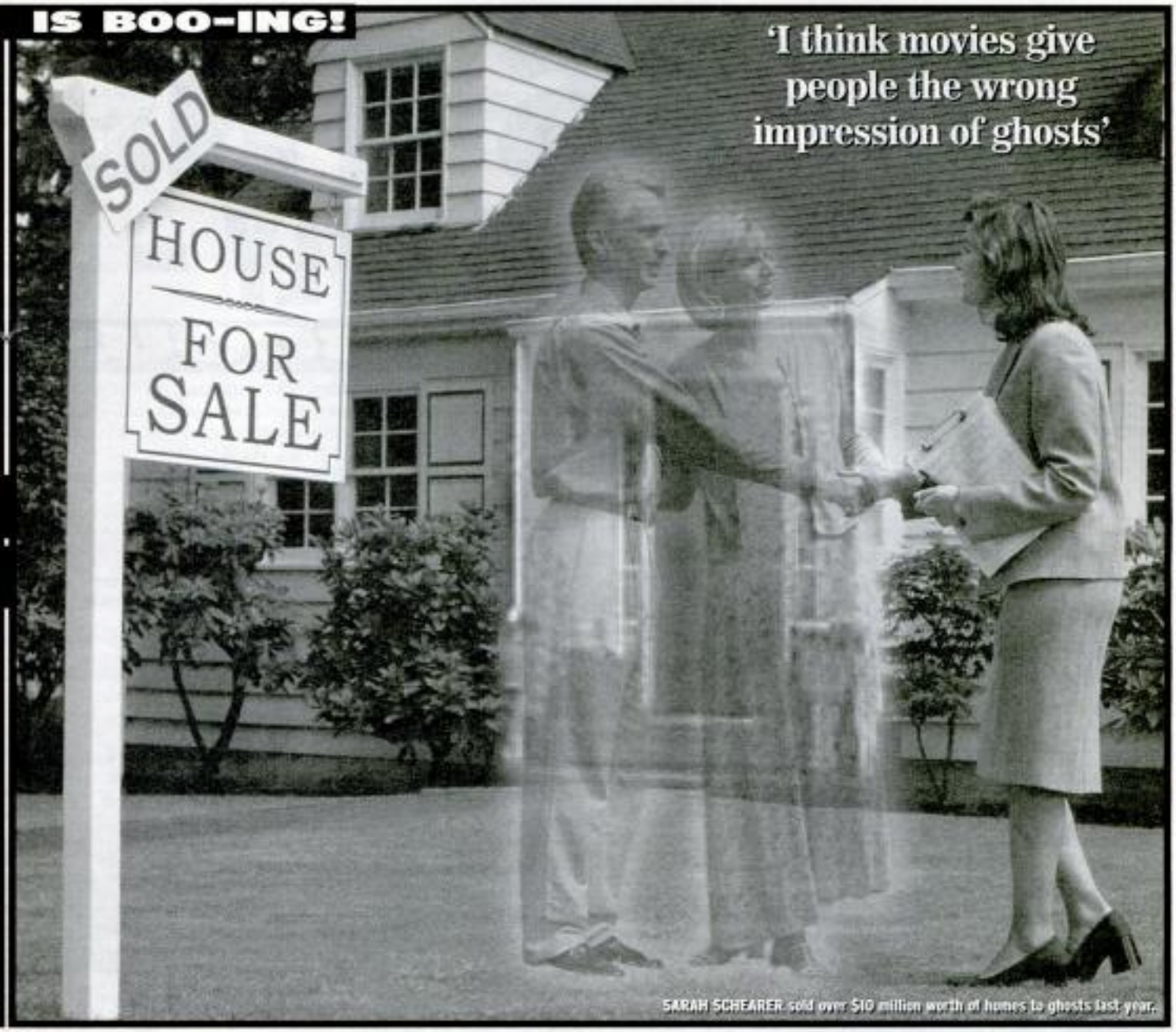

'I think movies give people the wrong impression of ghosts'

SARAH SCHEARER sold over $10 million worth of homes to ghosts last year.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?

'NOT ANYMORE,' SAYS ECONOMIST

By BECKY TODD

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Top economist John Stapleton is waging a campaign to drop the saying: "A penny for your thoughts," from the English language.

"It's just not correct anymore," explained Stapleton to the White House Committee on Proper Speech. "The expression was coined – if you'll pardon the expression – when a penny was actually worth something. You could buy a loaf of bread, a pound of butter and a gallon of milk with it.

"These days, a penny is worth less than the energy it takes to carry it around. Even gumball machines demand quarters now. There's no such

Stapleton executed a complex series of calculations, based on the number of years since the phrase first came into usage, inflation, plus rate of exchange.

He concluded that if individuals still want to use the expression, they should get it right and say: "Seven hundred and sixty two thousand, four hundred thoughts."

"It's not as catchy," says the math genius, "but at least it's true. When I hear someone say: 'Penny for your thoughts,' I want to kick them because they're so financially ignorant.

"If I had it my way, I'd collect all the pennies in America and throw them into the ocean. They're worthless.

"Then again, for some people, a penny for their

GUESS THE CHOOSE CORRECTLY – & IS THE BOGUS

WHILE IT'S not like us to print a fake story, we're making an exception for our latest crazy contest. One of these five stories isn't real — see if you can pick which one and you could win a whopping $200! Just check the one you think is FAKE on the coupon, and mail it to us. We'll pick a winner from the correct entries. Who knows, it might be you! Good Luck! Entries must be postmarked by June 22, 2005. Log on to weeklyworldnews.com and you can play the on-line version of this hot new game.

1. J.LO FOR PRESIDENT

JENNIFER LOPEZ has said she is ready to take over President Bush's job.

"I'm a total powerhouse," she said. "If you ask me, I'd like to become the first female president – that would be really cool."

The 35-year-old has already topped the music charts and conquered Hollywood, so apparently Washington seems like an obvious next step for her.

"The first thing I would do is redecorate the White House," she said. "It doesn't look too cozy."

The first man? Current hubbie Marc Anthony of course.

"I have a very good feeling and am sure that we will never part," she said.

2. TOUGH COOKIE

A 9-year-old elementary school student was knocked unconscious during a cafeteria food fight. Witnesses say it was an oatmeal raisin cookie that cleaned her clock.

Jessica Morena, the Los Angeles Prep Elementary School student who crumbled after the cookie hit her, was taken to the hospital and released after a brief period of observation.

"She'll be just fine," said Dr. Joseph Lucem. "She's just lucky it was only a cookie, and not a rock-hard pile of mystery meat or shepherd's pie."

Morena insisted she was only an innocent bystander and did not participate in the food fight.

3. CHICKEN CROSSES ROAD AND JAYWALKS

THIS chicken had no idea crossing the road was illegal until it was too late – and he was slapped with a jaywalking ticket.

And now the feathered friend's owners, Linc and Helena Moore, are crying fowl.

Deputy J. Nicholson said chickens on the road are a major problem constantly impeding traffic in the small town of Johannesburg, Calif. He didn't think simply issuing a warning to the couple would make enough of an impact to get them to control their flock.

The Moores attended court on behalf of their chicken and pleaded not

4. PEAS HELP ME!

A NEW ZEALAND teen buried alive in an avalanche of peas was successfully rescued by police and paramedics.

The 17-year-old used a lighter to melt the plastic twist-ties holding a shipping carton shut at the Ashburton port.

The teen's burning desire to break into the crate was answered abruptly when the box burst open and he found himself buried in a chest-high pile of peas.

The teen had to be dug out of the vegetable mountain with a forklift.

He was sentenced to 200 hours community service and fined half the value of the peas.

5. STAR WARS – RATED X

KENNY BAKER, the tiny actor who played R2-D2 came to find his days stuck in a robot outfit a little more bearable – after the film crew covered the inside of his costume with pornographic images.

The 70-year-old star dreaded the sixth installment's filming, but

shots.

"The lads surprised me one day by sticking a load of Page Three pictures inside R2-D2's head," he explained. "I got inside and wondered what the heck was going on.

"I got cross-eyed looking at everything in

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PHILIPPINES 203-477 College graduate, 27, 5'2", 115 lbs., long black hair, friendly disposition, loving, caring, like sports. Wishes to correspond with a man of any nationality. Photo.

CO. 203-478 Relocatable only. I'm African American female, 46, 5'7", 135 lbs., no bad habits, you must love to work, no bad habits, 55 or under. No liars.

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PA. 203-485 Asian widow, 63, 5'6", 125 lbs., hard working, loving, caring, seeking DS/WWM, 65 plus, honest, loving, financially stable, non-smoker/drinker. Send photo/ phone number. No inmates.

MEN

GA. 402-069 Big lady wanted by this handsome 37 year old White man, who is 5'11", 225 lbs., with brown hair and eyes. Serious only send photo.

NJ. 402-079 Financially secure, White male, 69 years old, seeking a loving, very passionate woman, to share all the good things in life, let me spoil you, love the beach, country, traveling, and much more.

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PA. 402-096 (Morrisville) Easygoing, open minded, attractive, secure, 6', blonde, hazel eyed, DSWM, 58. Seeks sincere, cuddly, sensual, loving woman, any race, 30s-60s, who enjoys doing things together.

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OH. 402-100 SWM, 54, 5'11", no dependents, marriage-minded, safe. Seeking simple, nice, White woman, for friendship, love, commitment. Typing desired. Cleveland metro area. Photo.

TX. 402-101 SWM, trucker, 51, 6', 170 lbs., brown hair/eyes, honest, caring, romantic, homeowner, financially stable. Seeking single female 30-48, height/weight proportionate, for relationship/marriage, who can travel.

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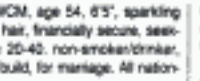

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SPECIAL REPORT FROM CANADA

GREEN GIANTS'

By DICK SIEGEL

SCREAMING EAGLE, Manitoba — Insurance salesman Cole Mansfield was flying to Winnipeg for a convention when his Cessna ran into trouble high above the notorious Devil's Tail mountain range.

"At first I thought it was turbulence," Mansfield told *Weekly World News*. "Then I remembered that a lot of planes had disappeared in the perpetually cloudy area. Suddenly, a projectile zoomed from the clouds heading right at me!"

What Mansfield saw was like nothing he had ever encountered in his 15 years of flying.

"It was a giant green bean launched by a colossal pea shooter!" he told us. "It knocked out my left engine and I dove out of control into a valley. I must've blacked out because I don't remember anything after that."

When Mansfield awoke he was lying on a bed of giant spinach leaves. He was surrounded by green men and women over 100 feet tall, clad only in leafy laurels. The giants did not harm Mansfield.

"When their leader spoke I thought his voice would shatter my eardrums," Mansfield recalled. "My name is Joli," the giant said. "Welcome to Hidden Valley."

After ascertaining that Mansfield understood him, the giant gently took him in the palm of his enormous hand.

He explained that they were a lost tribe of titans descended from the Greek gods. Unlike their brothers they were docile beings who crossed the sea in search of fertile land where they could live as farmers instead of warriors.

Joli showed Mansfield rows of corn high as skyscrapers, tomatoes the size of Yankee Stadium and broccoli bunches as thick as redwoods. The giants said they help to feed humanity by sending their vegetables to a well-known produce company.

"For ourselves, we make ornaments from what we grow," Joli said, showing Mansfield a selection of ornately woven bracelets, rings and necklaces.

Then Mansfield noticed a race of little green men dressed in leafy loincloths and working in the gardens.

"Joli told me they were dwarf giants called sprouts," Mansfield said. "He explained that they cut the vegetables for shipping. Because they are closer to our size, it's easier for them to create human-size portions.

"I told him this was all really great but that I had a convention to get to," Mansfield recalled. "That's when he got all serious and boomed, 'It is forbidden to leave! No one must know the location of Hidden Valley!' I assured him I wouldn't tell a soul but he wouldn't hear it. He said I was there for the duration. But seeing the Sprouts had given me an idea."

That night, Mansfield rubbed

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'I SAW CORN THE SIZE OF SKYSCRAPERS AND BROCCOLI THE SIZE OF REDWOODS!'

avocado on his face to make himself green. He covered his pants with ripped spinach leaves and went back to the sprout work area. He located the carts that would be taking goods to a processing plant outside the valley.

"I saw a crate marked 'edamame' and knew it was destined for a sushi shop and not sauteing," Mansfield said.

He crawled into the giant soy bean pod and waited. When the cart left the next morning, the rocking put Mansfield to sleep.

"The next thing I knew some quality control guy was yelling in my face in the veggie plant in Vancouver," Mansfield said.

"I knew I'd escaped. I was a little scared to come forward with my story but my wife convinced me that other pilots had to be warned. Ironically, if the giants had trusted me, I would have kept their secret."

He laughed. "I never did make the convention but it wasn't a total loss. I did get my wife a lovely five-carrot ring."

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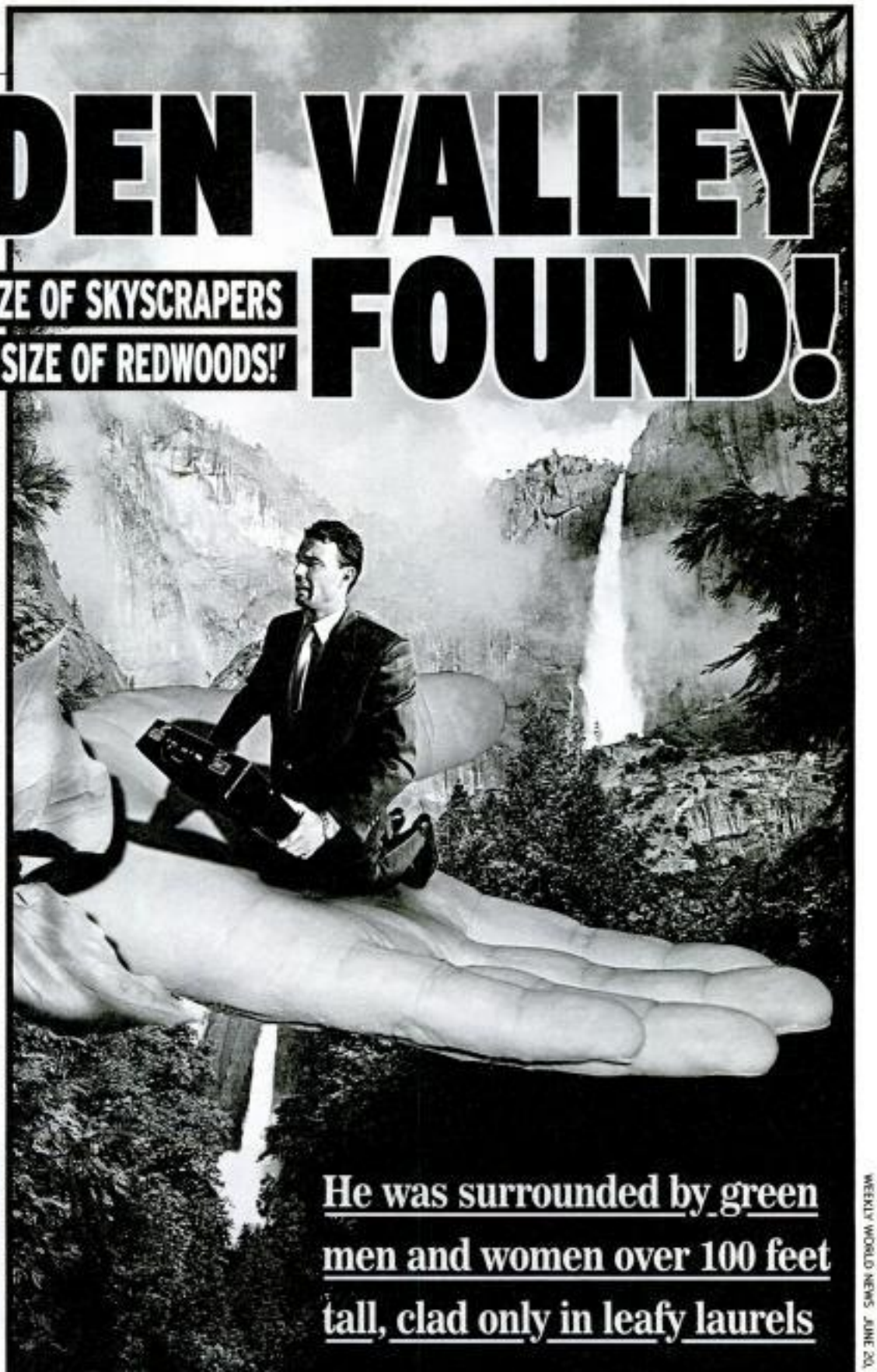
"Can we play baseball, Uncle Bill?



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By DORIAN WAGNER

THE Pillsbury Doughboy's name is Poppin' Fresh. Oslo, Norway is the world's most expensive city — a gallon of gas costs five dollars!

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- A person is not eligible to be governor of Pennsylvania if he/she has ever participated in a duel.
- As the official taste tester for Edy's Grand Ice Cream, John Harrison had his taste buds insured for one million dollars.
- Cockroaches have looked the same for nearly 250 million years.
- There are 192 independent countries in the world today. In 1950, there were only 82.
- "The world is divided into two kinds of people: Those who have tattoos, and those who are afraid of people with tattoos." — Author Unknown
- Jellyfish are low in fat and calories, but rich in nutrients.
- In 1838, an ordinance was passed in Los Angeles that forced men to obtain a license before serenading a woman.
- The California Board of Equalization has ruled that bartenders are not responsible for misjudging the age of midgets.
- About 57 percent of Americans have bought a lottery ticket in the past year.
- Burger King has used more old rock tunes in TV ads than any other U.S. company.
- There are less than 100 surviving World War I veterans today.
- Porcelater: The little hole on the side of the sink that lets the water drain instead of overflowing.
- In just one year's time, hens in America lay enough eggs to circle the globe one hundred times!
- The first kid's book published in the U.S.: *Spiritual Mild for Boston Babes in Wither England Drawn from the Breast of Both Testaments for Their Soul's Nourishment*. Must have

Young genius

Mozart was only 36 when he died.

Hot chicks!

Baby chicks do not breathe inside their shells.

Oh . . . like you haven't!

Jimmy Carter once reported seeing a UFO in Georgia.

Wham, slam. Thanks ma'am

bet you didn't know . . .

Racy lingerie was first introduced to America in 1946 by Frederick's of Hollywood founder Frederick Mellinger. He started the mail-order business by selling scanty products his WW2 Army buddies insisted their girlfriends would like.

tle pasta swastikas for the German market.

- In Bangladesh, students can be jailed for cheating on their final exams.
- One large cumulonimbus cloud can hold enough water to fill 500,000 bathtubs.
- Ants stretch when they wake

Rice in *The Widow Jones* in 1896.

- Hostess Twinkies were originally filled with banana pudding. The recipe was changed after the banana shortage during WW2.
- "I loath people who keep dogs. They are cowards who

SOUNDS CAAARAZY?

GOVT.'S NEW DRIVING TEST INSANELY TOUGH

YOU'LL NEED AN ADVANCED DEGREE TO PASS IT!

THE PROPOSED new driving test makes a college exam look like a kindergarten sign-up sheet.

By MIKE FOSTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a move it says will "save tens of thousands of lives annually," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is proposing stiff new requirements for driver's licenses — including a written exam so mind-bendingly difficult, you'll need an advanced degree to pass it!

Capitol Hill insiders expect the proposal to be swiftly adopted by Congress, which is working toward the creation of a national driver's license.

"To put it bluntly, there are too many idiots out there driving," explained highway safety expert Mark Vingsburg, a member of the blue ribbon panel that recommended the changes.

"As a result, upwards of 42,000 people die on our nation's roads each year.

"The simple fact is that unless an exceptionally bright person is behind the wheel, an automobile is too dangerous to operate safely.

"By instituting this more rigorous exam, we could reduce

support, with one lawmaker noting that the tougher test will "encourage young people to pursue higher education."

But the Association for Motorists' Rights opposes the change — charging a government conspiracy.

"Officials want citizens to take the exam and fail again and again — paying a fee each time," claimed a spokesman. "It's a money-making scam."

ARE YOU SMART ENOUGH TO DRIVE?

HERE are some sample questions from the new driver's license exam: (Answers at bottom)

1. A car with a mass of 800 kilograms is traveling at 25 meters per second. Assuming a reaction time of .65 seconds and a braking distance of 40 meters, the overall stopping distance of the car would be
   A. 45 meters
   B. 56.25 meters
   C. 61. 25 meters
   D. 70 meters

2. What year were automatic windshield wipers introduced as standard equipment?
   A) 1913
   B) 1923
   C) 1933
   D) 1943

the horn heard by the driver, the sound heard by the stationary person has
   A) Lower pitch and shorter wavelength
   B) Lower pitch and longer wavelength
   C) Higher pitch and shorter wavelength
   D) Higher pitch and longer wavelength

4. What was the list price of a Ford Custom V8 convertible in 1949?
   A) $1,886
   B) $3,668
   C) $4,399
   D) $6,999

5. A spherical concave mirror is used in the back of a car headlight. Where must the bulb of

   A) Between the principal focus and the mirror
   B) Beyond the center of curvature of the mirror
   C) At the center of the curvature of the mirror
   D) At the principal focus of the mirror

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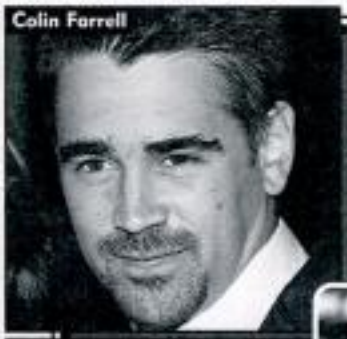
Bedside manner!

AS FAR as we can tell, you'd be hard-pressed to find a man who doesn't think Angelina Jolie is the epitomy of sexiness. If they disagree, then they probably haven't seen *Tomb Raider* or *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. Can you guess which of these lucky men have been her real-life leading man?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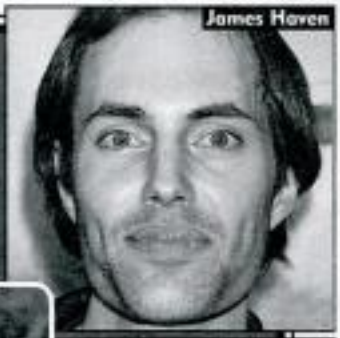
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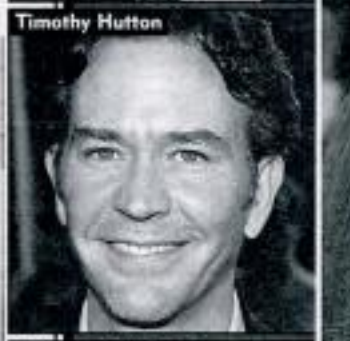
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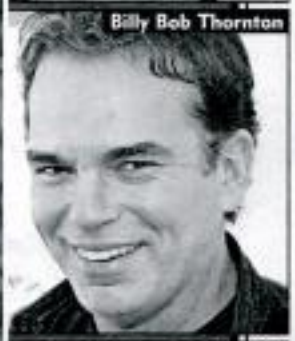
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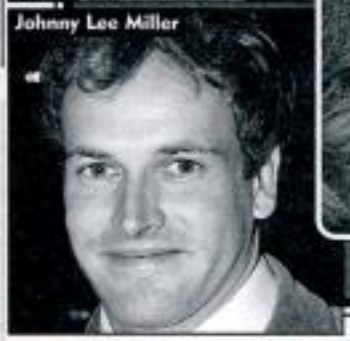
Johnny Lee Miller

Brad Pitt

Sources say she married Johnny Lee and Billy Bob and was linked to Timothy and Brad.

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of some stars whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you place the faces and name the names? HINT: M-I-C-K-E-Y. . .Why? because we like them!

1.
No teeny weeny bikinis for her.

2.
Starred in The Notebook.

3.
This genie is out of the bottle.

4.
Oops! She did it again!

5.
He'll rock your body.

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Annette Funicello
2) Ryan Gosling
3) Christina Aguilera
4) Britney Spears
5) Justin Timberlake

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWN* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are one of our favorites.

A cautious man will cover his butt, a wise one will leave his pants on.

Bicycles don't stand because they're two-tired.

Cats have nine lives but frogs croak every night.

Wrong numbers are never busy.

Bald people never have bad hair days.

Those who go on crash diets look like a wreck.

6 NEW CURSE WORDS IT'S O.K. TO SAY

By NIGEL FLEMING

LOS ANGELES — You can't say @#$% today. That's the &*@#$%! problem. Everybody's trying to be politically correct. No one wants to offend anyone . . . well, except for those jerks who flip you off on the freeway.

In the United States, we have sensational cuss words — slang dictionaries full of them — but most of us are too fearful to use them. As psychologist Dr. Herman Fugmunker noted, "It's dangerous to say '&*@# off' to a truck driver. Five days in intensive care convinced me of that."

But help is on the way. Fugmunker did extensive research for his latest book, *Cuss Your Head Off*, and came up with six new curse words it's O.K. to shout from the rooftops, because no one has ever heard them before. They're nasty, vile and disgusting. Learn 'em and use 'em. You'll let off

The six new curse words are *pfnark, snog, kuq, chuz, jizzlewax* and *zighumple*. They can be used alone or combined (to form compound curses); when you're mad or when you're happy; as adjectives, verbs, nouns and, especially, interjections. Pfnarkin' A!

Speaking of the word "pfnark," Fugmunker traces its derivation to the sleepy coal-mining town of Winsley, Wyo., where Dalwood Comstock fell down a murky shaft and screamed, "Holy pfnark! Somebody help me!"

Comstock was probably trying to say "Holy &*@#," but due to his speech impediment and a mouthful of coal, it came out "pfnark."

Fugmunker gives examples of how the word can be used. "Pfnark off, pigeon head!" "Go pfnark yourself!" and, "You're a pfnarkin' loser!"

The next word in Fugmunker's book is "snog," which sounds a mite dirty because it resembles

world, according to Fugmunker. "If you scold someone in an irritated voice by saying, 'Don't be such a snog!' the individual will cringe with embarrassment, for no one wants to be called a 'snog.' It sounds disgusting."

Colorful variations of the word include "snogpuss," "snog off" and "snoggle," as in "Snoggle this, you bastard!" And if you want to hit someone with a double whammy, you can say, "Snoggle this, you pfnarkin' bastard!" Of course, most people understand the word "bastard," so be prepared to put up your dukes or run like hell. And if you choose the latter, you can always get the last word in by shouting, "Kiss my pfnarkin' snog!"

"Kuq" (pronounced kook) was first heard by Fugmunker in a sleazy El Paso, Texas, bar. "This drunken cowboy walked in and said, 'What lily-livered kuq stole my woman?' When no one obnoxious chuz.' "

This brings us to the next word: Chuz. It can be used to describe a man or a woman, and it's quite unflattering. "Picture a bowl of clumped kitty litter, chunky spoiled milk and rotten chopped liver, and that's what 'chuz' looks like," Fugmunker explained. "So to call someone a 'chuzzbucket' or a 'chuzball' is the ultimate insult."

The penultimate word on the list is "jizzlewax." It conveys utter angst, as in "I'm totally jizzlewaxed. I'd squash my head in a vice if I had one!" It's another way of saying, "I'm totally &*@#ed up," without getting your mouth washed out with soap.

Last on the list, is "zighumple," which actually is more fun to do than to say, because when you're "getting a zighumple," you're partying, baby.

So there you have it, six new curse words you can say wherever

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BY MADAME MALISA
Renowned medium and psychic
June 20 – June 26

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	2, 15, 21, 29, 35, 41
TAURUS	7, 16, 25, 37, 43, 48
GEMINI	5, 22, 29, 40, 47, 49
CANCER	8, 14, 23, 27, 38, 44
LEO	18, 26, 36, 39, 40, 45
VIRGO	4, 14, 22, 31, 37, 43
LIBRA	7, 17, 24, 30, 39, 42
SCORPIO	3, 15, 26, 35, 41, 49
SAGITTARIUS	7, 17, 24, 30, 39, 42
CAPRICORN	5, 10, 20, 29, 35, 40

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You can expect a few problems at work this week.

After taking a stand on Wednesday, however, you'll have smooth sailing.

One near you may need sympathetic counseling because of a broken romance or dead pet. Be there for them.

Someone with an "E" in their name will try to cause trouble by spreading a nasty rumor about you. Laugh it off!

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Be prepared for a conversation with an attractive, unattached neighbor to ignite a flame this week.

Couples are attuned to each other's needs, and tender expressions of passion and love fill the leisure hours spent together.

A creative project gets full support and sends your spirits soaring. Celebrate with a loved one!

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Letters and phone calls this week from old pals revive an old friendship, and plans are laid for a reunion.

A phone call or e-mail on the weekend could lead to a welcome vacation later in the year, and also will bring good news regarding money.

A busybody will bring some shocking gossip about neighbors. Don't get involved!

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Time to take stock of personal possessions this week. Be practical, get rid of surplus and unclutter your surroundings.

Midweek, confusion exists because of your mate's financial indiscretions. A much-needed and expected check could be delayed, further adding to the crisis situation.

The number 7 figures in some minor fortune for you.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You're feeling rushed and harried this week from a busy schedule and too many irons in the fire. Downshift a little. Your mate will thank you for it.

Watch for a dark-haired person or one with glasses to help relieve pressure.

Good news arrives midweek, and money matters take a delightful upward turn. Wearing a dash of red or burgundy can't hurt matters.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Powers of persuasion are highlighted this week.

It is a good time to present unique concepts and ideas and develop long-range goals, otherwise all will be wasted.

Nagging doubts about the success of a new project will be laid to rest by Thursday, when a phone call or e-mail brings good news and the promise of big bucks.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

The inconsistencies in a friend's treatment of you this week compel you to reevaluate the relationship.

You may be feeling rejected, but you know better.

Spend your leisure time with compatible friends. Take a walk with your partner and you'll feel better.

Watch for a chance encounter in the grocery store for some good news.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

A lot of loving and a sympathetic attitude this week will be needed to help your partner through a difficult period. Your time won't be wasted.

Watch the mail for news that could result in an addition to your bank account.

Be wary of a looming battle with your boss. Avoid driving in bad weather if possible.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Get ready for a fresh start this week if you are single.

Although you have strict rules about mixing business with pleasure, it won't hurt to bend them. Watch for your career to take off shortly, especially concerning a vacancy yet to be filled.

Yellow is your lucky color. Be careful driving on even-numbered days this week and get enough rest.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

You probably feel you've bitten off more than you can chew financially this week. You've let your generosity get the better of you.

Cut back except where love is concerned.

Catch up on your chores this weekend. A phone call or e-mail brings terrific news and a romantic interlude brings pleasure on Saturday.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Concentrate on travel, family reunions and dealing with the details this week.

Be prepared for a message from one who appears to be out to do you harm.

Read between the lines before reacting. It will save you an embarrassing moment.

On the weekend, a chance encounter leads to romance.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Early in the week, you'll find the pressures of juggling everything you have to do every day building to new heights. Stifle your inclination to go ballistic.

A touch of green in your wardrobe and the numbers 9, 11 and 44 are lucky for you.

Perhaps the time has come to drop a troublesome relative who demands too much and gives nothing in return.

If your birthday is this week . . .

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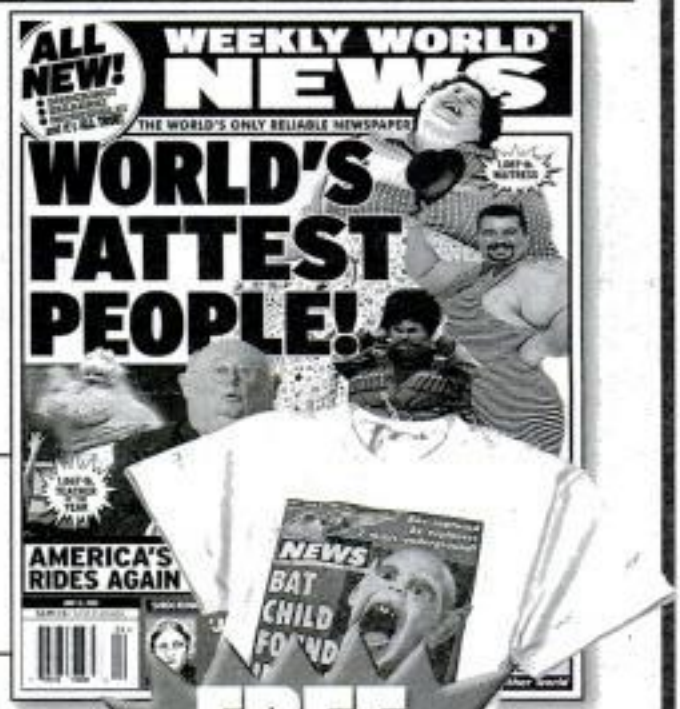

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WOMAN READS CLOUD FORMATIONS TO SEE THE FUTURE

By DEBBIE FANATIA

OASIS, N.C. — Some psychics read tea leaves or tarot cards. Some just touch a person and can see into their souls. But Glenda Berkowitz's favorite pastime as a child was lying in a field watching the puffy cumulous clouds roll by. To her, it was like watching a movie that hadn't been made yet, projected on an infinitely big blue screen, showing her what the future had in store.

"I remember the first time I realized the formations were more than illusions of childhood fantasy," said Berkowitz. "My best friend and I were lying in her daddy's pasture after a game of tag with the goats, and Cindy pointed out a cloud she thought looked like an elephant.

"Out of my mouth popped the revelation that it was her first husband. She thought I was making fun of her, but I swear, the man she married looked just like that cloud. He was grossly overweight and had the biggest nose and ears on the planet. And we won't even talk about how his feet and toenails resembled an elephant's. I knew the minute I laid eyes on him she'd marry him."

Parapsychologists have studied Glenda's ability and are impressed by her accuracy, and sees things basically the way they do. They think her abilities are a result of her relative isolation as a child raised on a farm, and her willingness to allow nature to show her how the world works.

"In the right conditions, her accuracy is much higher than, say, a palm reader in a candlelit hovel," said Peter Overburn, head researcher at Naropa University in Boulder, Colo.

Parapsychologists have studied Glenda's ability and are impressed by her accuracy

Berkowitz admits to being sensitive to the environment and the interdependence of humans to their surroundings. "I think everybody could probably open themselves up if they could find a quiet spot anymore.

"If I give a reading in a backyard with noises from planes and traffic and stereos blaring, my predictions are a little off. For instance, I gave a reading from the roof of a building in Detroit once, and I told the guy his dog would run off or get lost while his son was at camp. Turns out his greyhound tracks all day while their son was at camp and lost everything they had. I do much better in places like Wyoming or Montana. It's like watching epics unfold there."

Amazingly enough, while scientists believe in her abilities, her fellow psychics are skeptical. "It's just not a reliable way to see

"Tea leaves, palms, the pulse of someone's blood through their veins, those are stable and proven methods. You toss out a deck of tarot or a batch of tea leaves, they stay put and don't change until you scoop them up and start all over.

"Clouds change right before your eyes and there's nothing in

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Creature has huge eyes that can see in the

BAT BOY FOUND

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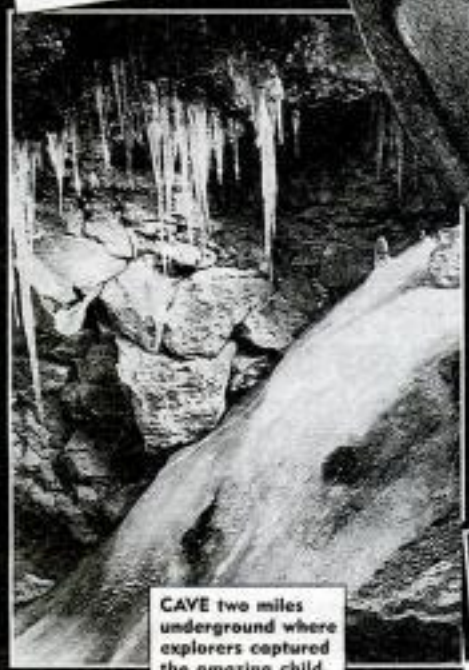

CAVE two miles underground where explorers captured the amazing child.

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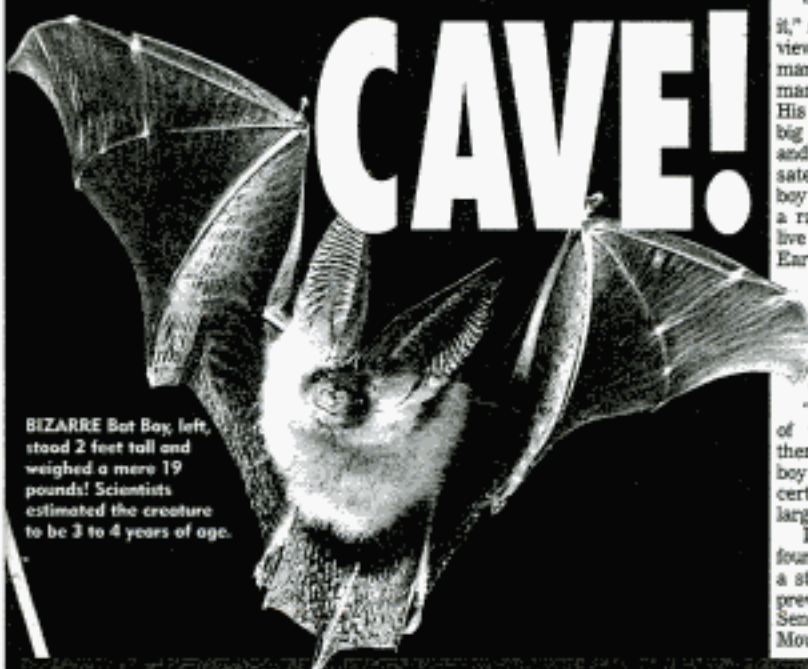

BIZARRE Bat Boy, left, stood 2 feet tall and weighed a mere 19 pounds! Scientists estimated the creature to be 3 to 4 years of age.

THERE MAY BE THOUSANDS MORE JUST LIKE HIM, SAYS SCIENTIST

By BILL CREIGHTON / *Weekly World News*

Back in the spring of 1992, one of the most amazing discoveries of all time was made in a West Virginia cave. A group of scientists found a never-before-seen creature that appeared to be half-bat — and half-human!

The strange creature had enormous amber eyes that enabled him to see in the dark and oversized ears that worked like radar.

The ongoing saga of the Bat Boy fascinated and baffled scientists all over the world. Over the years, the creature has escaped captivity at least three times. It last slipped away back in 1997 — and has not been seen since.

Dr. Ron Dillon was the first man to capture the strange cave dweller. He said the boy communicated with high-pitched squeaks and squeals and refused to eat anything but flying insects that he caught himself.

"I hardly know what to make of it," said Dr. Dillon in a 1992 interview. "The boy appears to be human but he is unlike any other human I've ever seen. His eyes are twice as big as they should be and his ears are like satellite dishes. This boy clearly belongs to a race of people who live miles beneath the Earth's surface.

Dr. Ron Dillon

"And it is my guess that they evolved bat-like features and abilities to enable them to survive in total darkness.

"There's no telling how many of these creatures are down there," he added. "This particular boy was all alone but he almost certainly strayed from a much larger tribe or pack."

Dr. Dillon and seven colleagues found the so-called bat boy during a study of subterranean life in a previously uncharted cave east of Seneca Rocks in the Shenandoah Mountains. The scientist said he and his team were approximately two miles underground when they heard the 2-foot, 19-pound creature squealing frantically in an apparent plea for help.

"We turned our lights in the direction of the cries and found the boy with his bare foot wedged in the crack between two rocks," said the expert.

"To tell you the truth, I thought I was seeing things.

"The last thing I expected to find at that great depth was another human being, much less one that looks like he came from outer space." Dr. Dillon said he freed the boy's foot and lifted him up for a closer look.

The child appeared to be stunned at first — then lashed out like an animal caught in a trap.

"I couldn't believe how strong he was," continued the expert.

"He scratched and clawed and fought like crazy.

"We finally subdued him with a tranquilizer injection.

"Then we brought him to the surface and took him to a private hospital for testing and observation."

Dr. Dillon said the Bat Boy appeared to be 3 or 4 years old and adapted to life in captivity quicker than expected.

He began gaining weight when scientists stopped giving him human foods — and began to flood his room with bugs.

"We get them from laboratories involved in insect research and release them into his room by the millions," said Dr. Dillon.

"He managed to consume his own weight in bugs every single day by locating their position with his radar-like ears and catching them with his mouth and hands.

"Needless to say, he is extremely active. When it's time to feed he moves like lightning."

Dr. Dillon has always refused to pinpoint the location of the cave where the boy was found.

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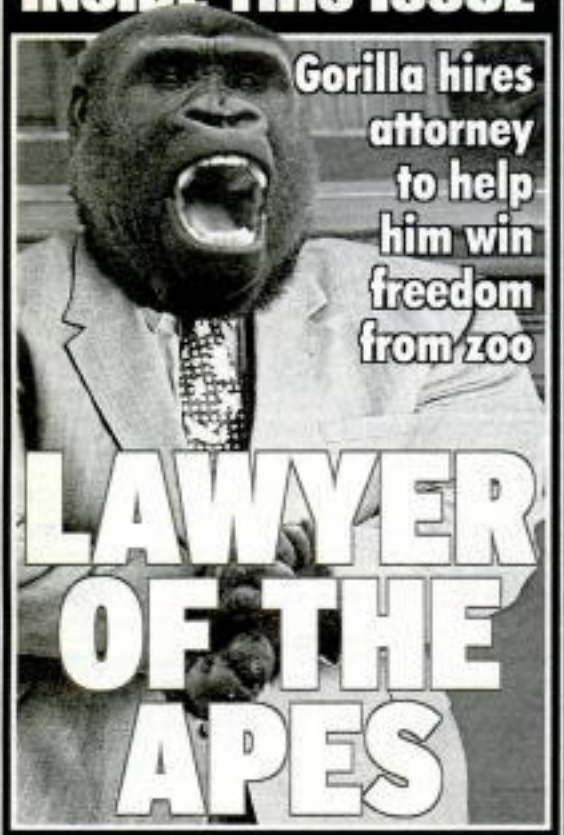

Gorilla hires attorney to help him win freedom from zoo

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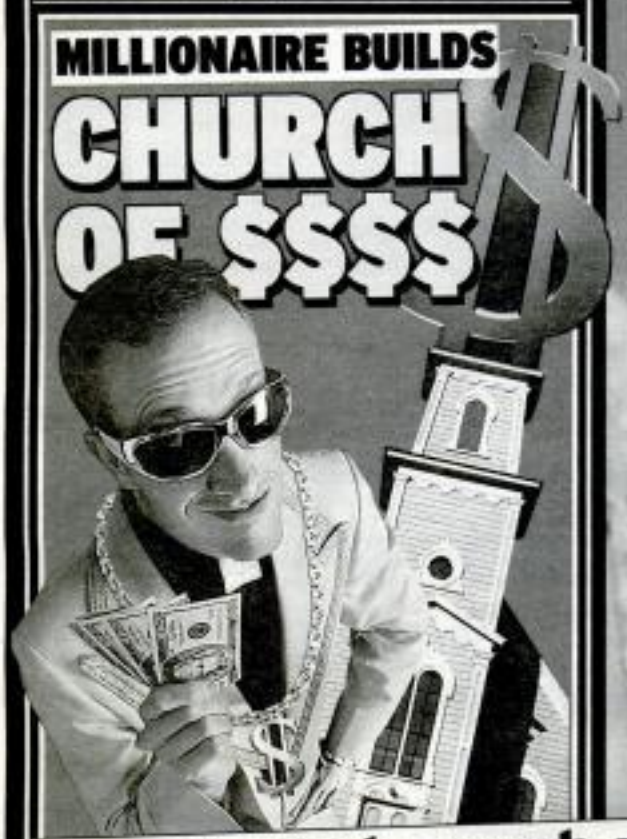

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